

Restriction Proposal Disputed by Colleges

By Eun J. Lee
NEWS EDITOR

The White House is currently discussing proposals to restrict university course offerings available to some international students, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reported this week. Thus far, college officials have been excluded from these discussions.

Under the proposals, students attending American universities from a list of origin countries would be forbidden from taking courses judged to be potentially helpful in the production of weapons of mass destruction.

"The institutions that produce science and technology are not only sources of solutions and advice, they are also potential targets and means of exploitation for terrorism," said John H. Marburger III, the president's science advisor, in an address at the American Association for the Advancement of Science on April 11. "Universities can inadvertently provide materials, skills, and concealment for terrorist operations."

In addition, there are several other anti-terrorism proposals in state and national legislatures which would effect college students. Members of the MIT community have been making their voices heard on matters important to institutions of higher learning and research.

"President [Charles M.] Vest and others at MIT have been active in Washington to make sure that policymakers are aware of the importance of not overreacting to the current security concerns," said Dean for Undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine.

"I think the main message that we're trying to send to lawmakers is that we would like to work together with them to develop policies that do not impact our open campuses and the ways we pursue research," said Professor Alice Gast, MIT's Vice President for Research.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service recently implemented more stringent regulations on international students studying in the U.S. A new regulation that took effect in early April requires all foreign nationals to obtain student visas before they can enroll in an American school. Previously, international students were able to study in U.S. with only tourist or business visas while their student visa requests were pending. The policy change did not require the approval of Congress.

MIT active in Washington talks

Marburger stressed in his address that universities need to think their responsibilities through

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Grand Inquisitor Don Alhambra del Bolero (E. Webster Heffern '05) menacingly lectures Venetian gondoliers Marco Palmieri (Stuart Stanton G) and Giuseppe Palmieri (Domenick Freda) about the horrors of equality for all in the MIT Gilbert & Sullivan Players' production of *The Gondoliers*.

PBE to Face License Commission After Male, 17, Found Intoxicated

By Jennifer Krishnan
NEWS EDITOR

MIT's chapter of Phi Beta Epsilon will appear before the Cambridge License Commission April

23, following an incident in which an underage male high school student was found intoxicated at the house in February.

The fraternity has voluntarily banned alcohol in the house for the remainder of the spring term. The decision to forbid the presence of alcohol in the house was made voluntarily by PBE's executive board, Interfraternity Council President Andrew T. Yue '03 wrote in an e-mail to the executive officer of the CLC.

The IFC will not impose any sanctions beyond those put in place by the fraternity.

Underage male found intoxicated

MIT Campus Police officers found Bobby Lee, a 17-year-old from Dorchester, Mass., "vomiting

from the rear passenger seat" of a car on Endicott Street, near PBE, at 1:30 a.m. on February 24, according to the report filed by Officer Mark R. Kelleher.

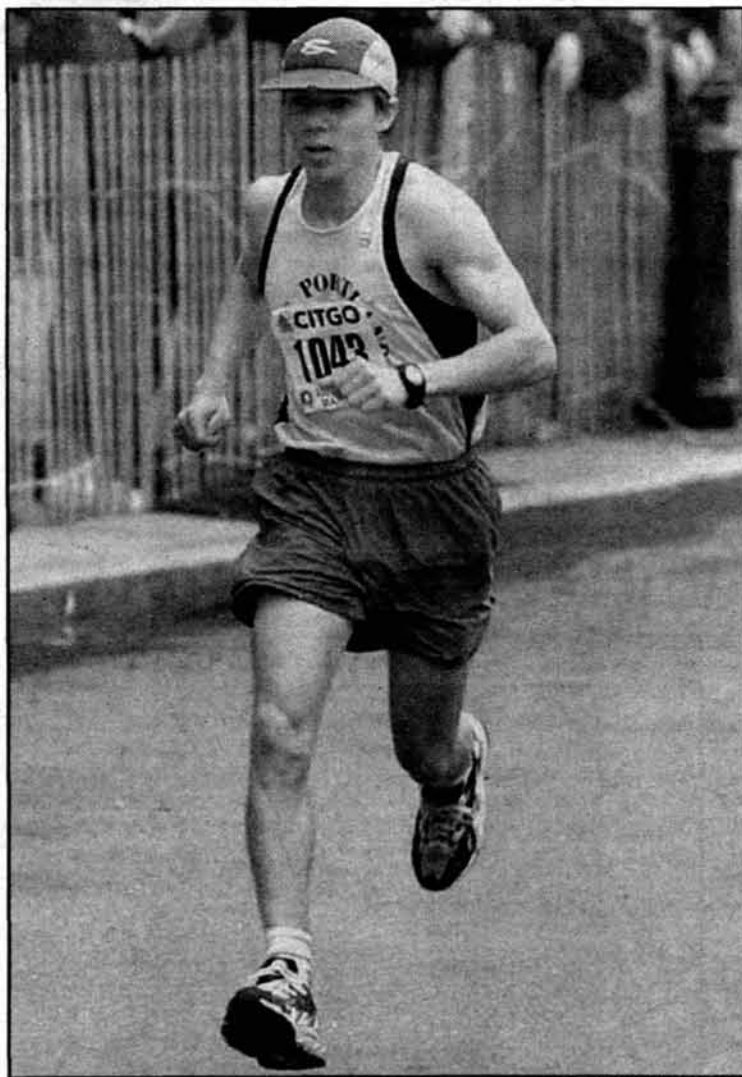
"Mr. Lee appeared intoxicated and informed me that he had [had] four to five shots of Bacardi rum," Kelleher wrote. Lee and his companion, William Jim, then indicated that they had been staying at 400 Memorial Drive, the PBE house.

Lee was subsequently transported to Mt. Auburn Hospital, where he stayed overnight.

Kelleher reported that "there were no signs of alcohol or party going [on]" at the fraternity house that night.

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Daniel R. Feldman '02 placed 32nd in this year's Boston Marathon with a time of 2:23:32.

MIT Senior Places 32nd In Boston Marathon

By Sam Hwang
STAFF REPORTER

MIT senior Daniel R. Feldman took 32nd out of more than 14,000 runners in the 106th Boston Marathon Monday, finishing the 26.2 mile course in 2:23:32 for the sixth-fastest time among American runners.

"I surprised myself with the marathon because I honestly didn't think I could run that fast," Feldman said. "It was a good day for running because the conditions were just about right. ... I went out at a good pace and ended up finishing with the same pace."

Feldman has been running in cross country and long-distance track events since high school and has been running at MIT since his freshman year. When asked about his training, Feldman said, "I ran 10 to 15 miles a day to train for the Boston marathon. I pretty much took it easy in preparation for the race. I ate healthy and trained about five days a week with regular runs

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SAVE Kicks Off Earth Day Events With Meyer Lecture

By Richa Maheshwari
STAFF REPORTER

Celebrating the 32nd anniversary of Earth Day, MIT's Share A Vital Earth (SAVE) club is kicking off the week-end with free plants, bike repairs, a Green "family feud," and a folk-music performance by David Rovics on the student center steps.

Daniel R. Feldman '02 is also planning this year's annual Charles River cleanup on Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

"It's surprising how much garbage is on the Esplanade," Feldman said. "There's everything from clothing to ordinary candy wrap-

pers, and I know that we'll collect dozens of bags of garbage."

To start off the weekend, Professor Stephen M. Meyer held a talk entitled "From the Ice Age to Bush: a History of America's Environmental Policy" last night in Room 10-250.

"When thinking about the state of the environment, there's a lot to be depressed about," Meyer said at the beginning of his talk.

Although Meyer said that progress has been made to rectify the human damage on the environment, he understands the challenges of making real strides in environmentalism under the Bush administration.

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Nobel Laureate
Desmond Tutu
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WORLD & NATION

Annan Calls for West Bank Peacekeeping Force

LOS ANGELES TIMES

UNITED NATIONS

Despite U.S. and Israeli opposition, secretary-general Kofi A. Annan SM '72 on Thursday urged the U.N. Security Council to dispatch a large multinational force to the West Bank to guard aid deliveries, provide security during the rebuilding of devastated Palestinian areas and monitor an eventual cease-fire.

U.S. officials have said they oppose the introduction of outside forces so long as Israel objects — and Israeli officials here reiterated their opposition Thursday.

For practical and political reasons, most council members concede, a Middle East peacekeeping force would require strong U.S. diplomatic backing and probably logistical support. The United States, with its veto power on the council, retains control over any such decision.

Yet Annan, described by aides as deeply disturbed by the council's seeming inability to brake the violence and emboldened by European and Arab calls for direct international intervention in the region, decided to press ahead with his proposal despite U.S. opposition.

"He knows he is going out on a limb with this," said a diplomat from a European member of the Security Council.

Senate Kills ANWR Drilling Bill

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Senate on Thursday blocked oil and gas drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, handing President Bush a key defeat and putting in doubt the future of comprehensive energy legislation.

In the closely watched roll call, pro-exploration forces fell well short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a Democratic-led filibuster against the drilling plan. Only 46 senators voted to end the debate, while 54 opposed the motion.

Drilling advocates had hoped to win at least 50 votes. Their failure to achieve that goal increased already steep odds against the proposal being part of any final energy bill.

Still, neither side in the dispute thought the vote would end the decades-long debate on whether to open a portion of the 19 million acre refuge in Alaska's northeast corner to drilling.

Foes of the drilling say it would endanger one of the nation's most precious wildlife habitats, and they exulted in their victory.

"Development would irreversibly damage this natural resource," said Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., a leader of the filibuster.

Andersen Settlement Talks Dead

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Settlement talks between Arthur Andersen and the Justice Department broke off Thursday, with the firm refusing a deal that would have deferred an obstruction of justice prosecution.

Justice Department Enron task force chief Leslie Caldwell, who had set a deadline of Wednesday for reaching a settlement agreement, withdrew the department's offer Thursday morning after Andersen lawyers said they were not in a position to accept it on the partners' behalf. The Andersen lawyers unsuccessfully sought to have the offer extended indefinitely.

"We just agreed that we're just not there right now," said lead Andersen lawyer Rusty Hardin. "We rejected certain proposals by the government and agreed to continue to review other proposals of the government, but we could not complete that review within the time frame the government was demanding."

Hardin refused to detail the areas of disagreement, saying he had hopes of reviving the talks before the firm's trial May 6 in Houston. "You're talking to someone who doesn't want to close the door for the future," he said.

Plane Hits Building in Milan After Sending Distress Signal

By Tom Hundley

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

ROME

A small single-engine plane slammed into Milan's tallest office tower Thursday evening, killing four, injuring more than 20 people and stirring fears of a replay of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on New York's World Trade Center.

The incident briefly sent shockwaves through global financial markets Thursday. Stocks tumbled in Europe, the U.S. dollar and the euro weakened, and in Washington, President Bush was alerted.

But Italian authorities quickly ruled out terrorism as a possible cause of the crash. They said the pilot, a 67-year-old Swiss citizen who was flying alone, radioed that he was having mechanical problems a minute before he plowed into the 25th floor of Milan's Pirelli Building.

"I heard the noise of a plane and I asked myself why was it flying at that altitude. Then I heard an enormous explosion," Michele Ferretti, who works in a nearby office building, told Italian journalists. "We all evacuated down the fire-escape stairs. We were frightened, I saw people in shock. You had the feel-

ing of living in a film you had already seen."

The crash sent plumes of smoke billowing into the sky and debris crashing to the sidewalk below.

Office worker Maurizio Sala was on the 20th floor when two explosions shook his building.

"We all rushed to the window and we suddenly realized it was something similar to the World Trade towers because thousands of pieces of paper were flying through the air. It was the same image," he said.

The plane "was in flames before it hit the building and it did not try to deviate its course but just went straight in," said Fabio Sunik, a sports journalist who said he saw the plane smash into the skyscraper.

"Then I saw rubble falling from the building," said Sunik, who was standing in front of the central train station, some 200 yards from the crash.

The crash left gaping holes in both the front and back of the building. It caused heavy damage on two floors, but authorities said there was no danger of the glass, steel and concrete building collapsing.

The 30-story Pirelli Building is

Milan's tallest. Built in the late 1950s, it served as headquarters for the Pirelli Tire company until 1978. It now houses the offices for the regional government of Lombardy.

By 5:55 p.m., the time of the crash, many of the civil servants who worked in the building had gone home for the day. Emergency workers quickly evacuated those who remained.

Angela Fassina, 40, said she managed to get down 21 floors in 15 minutes. "We were down the first six flights without noticing, but then we started meeting emergency workers coming up and asking if there were injured. I told them to hurry because there was a woman seven-months pregnant who would never be able to get down by herself," she said.

The plane, identified by aviation authorities as a Rockwell Commander, had taken off from Locarno, Switzerland, 50 miles northwest of Milan, and was heading to Milan, about 20 minutes away. The pilot, Luigi Fasulo, was alone in the four-seat aircraft when he radioed a distress call. His friends described him as a skilled amateur pilot with more than 30 years of flying experience.

Bush Endorses Sharon's Steps To End Israeli Military Assault

By Peter Slevin and Mike Allen

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Bush strongly endorsed Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as a "man of peace" Thursday, crediting him with taking satisfactory steps to end Israel's three-week-old military assault despite Sharon's rejection of the president's demand for an immediate withdrawal from Palestinian cities.

Sounding strikingly a conciliatory just two weeks after he declared that "enough is enough," Bush said he understood why Israeli forces were laying siege to the West Bank city of Ramallah, where Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has his head-

quarters. He said the United States would demand that Arafat deliver results to match his recent condemnation of terrorism.

"Israel started withdrawing quickly after our call from smaller cities on the West Bank. History will show that they've responded," Bush said in greeting Secretary of State Colin Powell, who returned early Thursday from a 10-day Middle East mission. "And as the prime minister said, he gave me a timetable and he's met the timetable."

White House officials later insisted that Bush did not intend to tip the scales for Israel. A senior adviser said the president continues to insist that Israelis and Palestinians alike must take steps to end the conflict.

But with Israeli tanks and troops continuing to enforce a tight cordon around the West Bank's major cities, the president's remarks risked further inflaming Arab opinion a week before he entertains Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah at his Crawford, Texas, ranch.

"When I hear the president saying that Sharon is a man of peace after he has destroyed our way of life, and after the Jenin refugee camp, I don't know if this is not a reward for Israeli terrorism against the Palestinian people," said Saeb Erekat, a top Palestinian negotiator.

"And when he says history will prove that Sharon is withdrawing," Erekat continued, "all I can say is that President Bush is as wrong as wrong can be."

WEATHER

Hot, Cold, Hot, Cold

By Bill Ramstrom
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The wild swings in temperature over the last couple days may continue today, but starting tomorrow, more tranquil weather will prevail. The culprit for these drastic changes is the large temperature difference between the land and the ocean which is common in the spring. The temperature at Logan Airport dropped 32°F (18°C) in one hour late in the afternoon Wednesday — from 91°F to 59°F, as the wind shifted from westerly to easterly.

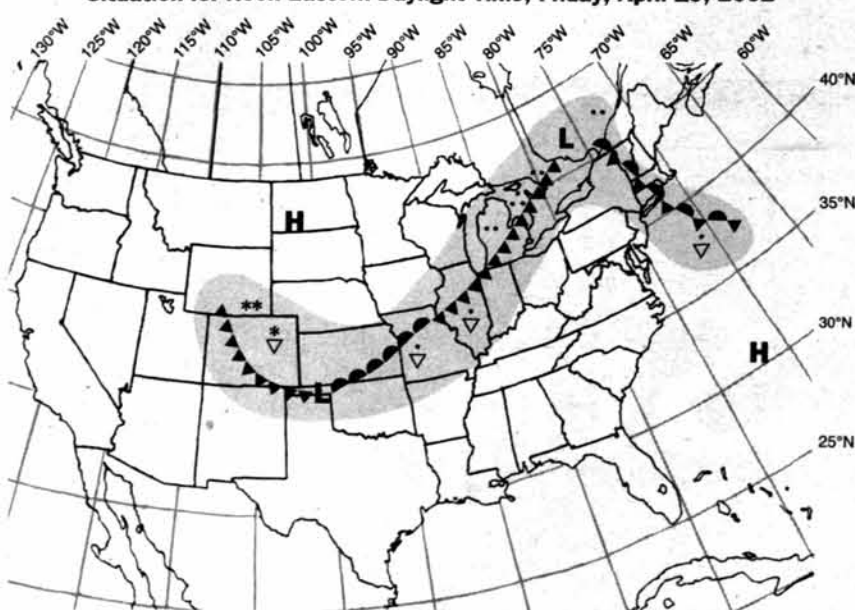
While a large mass of warm air has been building over the middle of the country all week, water temperatures in Boston Harbor remain in the chilly upper 40s F. This large temperature contrast also implies that the density of the cool air over the ocean is much higher than that of the warm air over the land. In the absence of strong flow, the configuration of a vertical column of warm air next to a column of cold air is not stable. The cool air will tend to slump inland, while warm air moves offshore at higher levels.

A cold air mass from Canada will begin to move into the area on Saturday, putting an end to the hot weather that we have had. A few showers could form ahead of this on Friday night, but not much precipitation is expected. Sunday and Monday will also feature sunny skies, but cool temperatures.

Extended Forecast

Today: Breaking clouds, then sunny. High 72°F (22°C).
Tonight: A chance of a shower. Low near 50°F (10°C).
Saturday: Some sun. High 71°F (22°C).
Saturday Night: Much cooler and clearing. Low 43°F (6°C).
Sunday: Sunny but chilly. High 55°F (12°C).
Monday: Continued fair and cool.

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, April 19, 2002



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow * Rain ∇	Fog ☁
L Low Pressure	- - - Warm Front	Light * Moderate ** Heavy ***	Thunderstorm ⚡
§ Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front		Haze ☁
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U.S. Pilot Accidentally Bombs Canadian Troops, Killing Four

By Craig Gordon

NEWSDAY

WASHINGTON

Mistakenly believing he was under attack from the ground, an American F-16 pilot in Afghanistan dropped a laser-guided bomb that instead hit friendly forces, killing four Canadian soldiers and injuring eight others taking part in live-ammunition training exercise below him, Pentagon officials said Thursday.

Air controllers already had denied the pilot's request to fire after he first reported he was under attack, defense officials said Thursday, but on a second pass, the pilot dropped a 500-pound laser-guided bomb, believing he was acting in self-defense.

Pentagon officials also said it was

unclear why the American pilot and controllers apparently were not aware of the training exercise at a former al-Qaida camp about 10 miles south of Kandahar's airport. Canadian officials said Thursday that they were "absolutely convinced" U.S. forces in the area had been fully notified.

Canada's military and governmental leaders were stunned and baffled by the incident, the first Canadian deaths in a combat zone since the Vietnam War.

"We have so many questions this morning," Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said in addressing the Parliament in Ottawa. "Extensive training for combat is meant to save lives. How does this happen?"

President Bush conveyed his

regrets to Chretien Wednesday night and promised in a statement Thursday to work with Canada to determine how the accident occurred. "We will draw every possible lesson from what happened and do everything we can to protect coalition forces engaged in this vitally important mission," the statement said.

Canadian officials promised to convene a formal inquiry, saying they wanted to question the American pilot, whom the U.S. has not named.

Pentagon officials said two Air National Guard F-16s were on routine patrol over Kandahar about 5:25 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday when one pilot saw ground fire below and apparently thought it was an enemy attack.

Senate Passes Tighter Restrictions For Entry of Foreigners Into U.S.

By Jonathan Peterson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Senate overwhelmingly approved measures Thursday to enhance U.S. border security, including new rules for monitoring foreign students, more effective use of intelligence data and 2,000 extra immigration investigators and border inspectors.

The popular legislation, promoted as a response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, passed by a vote of 97-0.

The House, which has passed a similar bill, is expected to approve the Senate legislation this week and send it to the White House for President Bush's signature.

Advocates said the legislation, projected to cost more than \$3 billion over three years, would improve the nation's security without compromising freedoms or endangering the economy.

Compared with last year's USA PATRIOT Act, which gave the administration sweeping new powers to prosecute suspected terrorists, the Border Security Act is a narrower set of measures designed to strengthen America's traditionally relaxed entry system.

For example, it would lift the 45-minute time limit for U.S. inspectors to process incoming flights, a requirement that had placed the convenience of air travelers ahead of methodical inspec-

tions at U.S. ports of entry.

Despite its broad support, the bill had bogged down in the Senate, where Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., complained that it was being pushed with inadequate scrutiny.

In addition, Byrd insisted on dropping a measure that would have temporarily allowed immigrants who have overstayed their visas to apply for U.S. residency while still inside this country, rather than returning home to submit such requests.

The provision, known as 245(i), is ardently supported by immigrant rights advocates and had been included in the House version of the border security bill.

Judge Throws Out Hostage Suit

THE WASHINGTON POST

The 52 Americans held hostage in Iran more than 20 years ago cannot sue their captors, a federal judge ruled Thursday, dismissing their suit and barring the once iconic figures from collecting damages against a nation still designated by the State Department as the world's chief financier of international terrorism.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan ruled that the Algiers Accords, the executive agreement that ended the 444-day crisis, still requires the U.S. government to "bar and preclude" any suits by the hostages or their families. Laws passed by Congress in recent years that allow U.S. victims of state-sponsored terrorism to sue their tormentors, and specific congressional support for the Tehran hostages, were not enough to overcome that legal hurdle, Sullivan ruled.

"There are two branches of government that are empowered to abrogate and rescind the Algiers Accords, and the judiciary is not one of them," Sullivan wrote. "The political considerations that must be balanced prior to such a decision are beyond both the expertise and mandate of this court. ... This court has no choice but to grant the government's motions and dismiss this case."

The emotional suit was seen as a test case for the validity of U.S. agreements and treaties with other nations in the light of antiterrorism laws that seek to financially punish sponsors of terrorism.

The Justice Department, representing both the White House and the State Department, argued in court that national security interests demanded that the United States live up to those agreements — even if they were with countries the State Department designated as terrorism sponsors. Those interests must outweigh the rights of individual victims, they argued.

EPA To Release Cancer Warning

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Americans have a cancer risk from toxic chemicals in the air that is at least 10 times the Environmental Protection Agency's acceptable level, and 12 million people experience risks 100 times higher, according to an unreleased Environmental Protection Agency study.

"Millions of people live in areas where air toxins may pose potentially significant health concerns," says the report, portions of which were obtained by Knight Ridder. "Although air quality continues to improve, we feel that more needs to be done to reduce the potential for harm from exposures to these chemicals."

The study, whose release is nearly a year overdue, modeled the effects of powerful poisons including benzene, formaldehyde, arsenic and chromium. These chemicals are produced mainly by vehicles and industry and cause an estimated 150 cancer cases yearly. An additional 350 cases a year are believed to be caused by chemicals in diesel exhaust.

Overall, the added cancer risk from toxics in air — most of them lung cancer cases, experts think — is small, on the order of one case per 10,000. By comparison, smokers have a one-in-nine lifetime lung cancer rate, according to the American Cancer Society.

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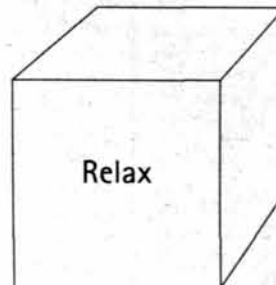


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Letters To The Editor

DKE Name-Calling Unfair, Unhelpful

I was shocked and dismayed to learn that the defacement of the DKE posters ["DKE Playboy Posters Defaced With 'KKK' Markings," April 12] was part of an active effort by an MIT group. DKE is absolutely right to feel incredulous at the fact that their party was compared to one of the worst hate groups in the history of the country. When I first saw the defacement, I figured it was the work of some bored wanker who was trying to be witty. The fact that it was an organized effort by members of the MIT community paints a bleak picture for the future of the country and society in general.

Racism and bigotry stem from ignorance. MIT, an institution specifically designed to stamp out ignorance, should be one of the more tolerant and rational places in the world. Instead, it is a place where parties are likened to hate crimes.

I can understand why some women might find *Playboy* offensive but regardless, *Playboy*, to my knowledge, has never lynched women and strung them up from the nearest tree. I believe neither *Playboy* nor DKE have burned crosses in front of houses where females live. I'm pretty sure the *Playboy* editors have not dressed up in white sheets and ridden across the countryside, terrorizing areas where women live, and killing men that sympathize with women. Finally, I am almost certain that Hugh Hefner is not referred to as the Grand Dragon.

Aimee Smith's actions in this case are juvenile at the worst, and reactionary at best. Neither of these are desirable qualities in an institution which is committed to higher learn-

ing, scientific discovery, and rational discourse. Calling DKE members "Gyno-Nazis" (whatever that means) is merely an extension of playground name-calling. If indeed Smith has the best interests of the female gender as her primary concern, a better course of action might be to organize an evening of debate on the issue, or put up a poster explaining, using a concise and clear argument, why her group feels that these posters are demeaning. Dragging racism, the Third Reich, and the Ku Klux Klan into the debate merely serves to take weight away from her argument.

Furthermore, I fail to understand why DKE is being targeted by Smith's group. It is ridiculous to intimate that one group can be responsible for the entire atmosphere or environment at MIT. According to *The Tech*, the group submitted their poster to Dean Rogers, who approved it. Therefore, if Smith has a problem, she should form a coherent argument and present her case to the Deans. After all, these are the people who have the power to change policy. It is unfair to blame a group that was abiding by the rules, and ridiculous to do so with childish name-calling.

Jonathan Reed '02

Out With Arafat

Millions of well-intentioned people around the world, including me, wish a normal and fruitful life for the families in Bethlehem and Ramallah. Surprisingly, few people realize that the way to achieve this dream is not by keeping them subjected to the dictatorial regime and murderous practices of the PLO. The goal of this organization is to fatten and arm itself with international aid while keeping

its people in abject poverty and teaching them that the way out is through hatred, so that it can continue to expend them as a novel form of "live" ammunition. Moral individuals who care about human rights should push for an international effort to replace this gang with a true democratic government.

Isaac Moses '02

Funding for Drug Users' Education

I am writing to request that you publicly pledge that MIT will reimburse students who lose their federal financial aid because of a conviction for drug possession. As I'm sure you know, George W. Bush has decided to ruthlessly enforce the provision of the Higher Education Act which mandates withholding federal grants and loans from students convicted of drug possession — yes, mere possession — until they complete a rehabilitation program. The obvious problem with this policy is that it targets poor and working-class students, because private rehabilitation programs are prohibitively expensive, and public programs have long waiting lists, which can cause serious impediments to the education of poor and working-class students. It's a petty, punitive policy that causes far more harm than good.

Please follow in the courageous footsteps of Yale University, Swarthmore College, Hampshire College, and Western Washington University and send a clear message about MIT's commitment to the education of all students, regardless of income.

Susan Buchman '01

The Tech received a copy of this letter, which was addressed to President Charles M. Vest.

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Slashing Prices And Communities

Ken Nesmith

Name America's largest corporation, as ranked on the famed Fortune 500 list. Microsoft, the thuggish master of the popular software domain, or perhaps some other information technology dynamo? No. General Electric, its many hands dipped in everything from credit cards to military-industrial technologies? Some massive energy conglomerate from the ambiguously skewed, awkwardly named industry formerly known as "big oil," playing their usual dastardly game of petroleum retrieval with governments worldwide, or perhaps creating markets and profits where there are none with some magical trading tricks? Well, almost, but the real winner for today is none of these likely suspects; rather, it is Wal-Mart.

Few institutions better illustrate the internal division and sickened tension that plagues the soul of modern capitalism than can Wal-Mart. It is only a mild stretch to grant Wal-Mart the title of institution. The corporation is a retail behemoth, and is firmly set in the American psyche as a bearer of unimaginably eclectic products and services offered at stunningly low prices.

That fixation on low price is a central part of the Wal-Mart experience. The store's customers, upon proudly displaying some item they've purchased at the great mart to their pals, quickly exclaim with a unique blend of ironic detachment, facetious pride, and an air of almost obligatory disclosure that "I got it at Wal-Mart. It was only N dollars!"

Wal-Street, the unrelated but half-homonymous home of the world's global trading center, can find no end to its praise of Wal-Mart. Analysts can think of no more perfect investment than this down-to-earth retailer that has demonstrated its ability to deliver growth and profits in good times and bad. It is a common entry on recommended-buy lists, its management virtues are endlessly extolled, and financial writers glowingly detail its successes in statistic-laden investment advice columns as if they were proud parents doting upon a prized child's successes.

The company's ruthless efficiency and aggressive management have brought ever-

growing profits that consistently beat analysts' estimates. Its stock has risen 400 percent over the past five years, and even amidst last year's market restraint, Wal-Mart's stock returned 8.3 percent to investors. They have succeeded in the notoriously tricky business of expanding their offerings of products and services — from simple retail into the grocery, eye care, hair care, prepared food, and pharmacy sectors.

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Wal-Mart is now the largest grocer in America, having surpassed Kroger Inc. some time ago. Their pharmaceutical business has enjoyed similar success. In each expansion, they employ a powerful network of real-time inventory information systems and an efficient, flexible trucking fleet to leave competitors scrambling to match their lower prices, usually unsuccessfully. They are the perfect model of the capitalist firm.

Just past the financial advice column is the world news, where we see that the company's financial successes are balanced by an equally impressive array of moral failings. We read of workers fired for discussing pay raises, foreign laborers young and old abused as they toil to produce the goods that line Wal-Mart's aisles; and the fabric of small town life torn under the weight of the blockish cement supercenters.

But turn the page. Just past the financial advice column is the world news, and here we

see that the company's financial successes are balanced by an equally impressive array of moral failings. We read of workers fired for discussing pay raises, foreign laborers young and old abused mentally, physically, and even sexually as they toil without end for pennies an hour to produce the goods that line Wal-Mart's aisles; and the fabric of small town life torn under the weight of the blockish cement supercenters that spawn on the outskirts of the city and drain it of its social and economic vitality.

We also read of the grassroots, local efforts to halt Wal-Mart's entry into various small towns, efforts that while fervent are generally unsuccessful. Yet the same communities that angrily resist Wal-Mart's presence are the same people who make Wal-Mart the most successful corporation in America. The small towns that lament their death at the hands of Wal-Mart are blind to their own suicide — it is they who choose to patronize the store rather than local businesses. The potent, understated lure of slightly lower prices deftly silences the acrimonious complaints about Wal-Mart's business practices and draws shoppers with disturbing ease to its wide, well-lit aisles.

That simple disparity between heartfelt, genuine desires that we likely share — can many of us honestly profess a genuine passion for shopping at Wal-Mart? — and the reality that Wal-Mart is making more money directly from everyday consumers than any other corporation reveals a destructive tension that is a more significant force in the collective subconscious of American society than we realize. The conflict between an endless material quest and strongly held values, be they of family, community, religion, personal conviction, or culture, manifests itself today as an assortment of widely varying troubles, for each of which we seek separate solutions. No simple method to relieve the fundamental tension is evident.

Wal-Mart's financial success is well documented. So is its moral depravity. We profess to dislike it and sometimes fight its very existence, but we shop there anyway. This is a reality that is not encouraging.

Standing Back From Palestine

Guest Column

Presley H. Cannady

If you read *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, or *Time*, you'd be hard-pressed not to find some liberal D.C. columnist talking at great length about so-called "nuances" surrounding the current war on Israel that, according to these pundits, Bush is either slow to grasp or not getting at all. Of course, the empty words of self-proclaimed experts like Thomas Friedman are often at odds with reality. The truth is that President Bush's fundamental vision for American-Middle Eastern affairs and his approach have been consistent since the day he stepped into office.

The President's outlook on the Middle East is nothing new. It mirrors that of his father and President Ronald Reagan, who aside from President Richard Nixon were the first to frame America's Mideast strategic interests within an articulate, publicly disseminated grand strategy. What differences there may be are the result of a decade-long dynamism that has been in place since the end of the Gulf War and the unhealthy meddling in which Mr. Clinton — much like his ideological antecedent Carter — engaged while train-wrecking the Arab-Israeli negotiations. Our President came into office with all three thrusts of our regional concerns under severe threat: the security of the Suez Canal, the security of Israel, and the security of Middle Eastern oil. Still, he struck back with a style that, while different from his father's, was far more appropriate for the new landscape.

You would never hear any words of this sort from the likes of Thomas Friedman, whose utter lack of vision leads him and many others to proclaim that Israel is faced with two choices — deal with Arafat or some alternative they never really spelled out (or thought through) and just assumed was worse than sitting across the table from Head Terrorist in Charge. Armed with this remarkably simple

yet intellectually devoid train of thought and convinced that it bears some air of subtlety, the liberal pundits went on to trash the President for not charging in recklessly like Clinton and wasting the Executive's time, energy and focus.

The truth is that the President rightfully announced his Administration's approach to the Middle East early on. The U.S. would neither waste time nor energy with negotiations when one or more parties could not refrain from hostilities. Back then, it sounded callous for a Republican President to seemingly morally equate Israel and Palestine and then supposedly wash his hands of the whole affair. In reality the balance of Bush's crit-

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cism was always reserved for Arafat, a man probably no one in his Administration likes. However, the worst mistake of the American Left was to assume that the President "ignored" the Middle East out of hope that both sides would seek U.S. intervention in the future. On the contrary, looking beyond the President's *de facto* repudiation of the Palestinian Authority, liberal pundits still seem to always forget one unalterable fact — the Israelis are a Western military power and the Palestinians are so backwards they can only fight unarmed women and children. When the U.S. turns away from the war, Israel kicks Palestinian ass all across the West Bank. Take away the attention of the Americans — the hell with Europe — and the Israelis' Knesset majority would be more than happy to bring their own War on Terrorism fully in

line with the objectives and reach of its American counterpart. President Bush, however, does re-enter the occasion from time to time to see if the idea of a secure Israel to the east of a Palestinian state is anything more than a fairy tale. To do that, the U.S. uses influence to restrain Israel time and time again, each time hoping the Palestinians have gotten knocked around enough to know they're fighting a losing war. Maybe then, we hope, they'd listen to reason. Hope, but not expect. Clinton hoped eternally, and in the end the rejection of the Barak offer at Camp David brought the al Aqsa intifada and handed Ariel Sharon and the Likud executive power again.

I doubt the Palestinians will learn; they're not as "thoughtful" as their liberal defenders. And if the American Left can't understand that in a contest of survival it's a basic fact that Israel holds a royal flush to the Palestinians' straight, sooner or later President Bush is going to "mistakenly ignore" the Middle East and Israel will wipe out the Palestinian menace once and for all. It may take decades for another leader of Arafat's stature to rise to power. Hell, maybe the Palestinians will wake up some day fifty years from

now, see how far they've driven their society and political institutions into the mud of authoritarianism and corruption, and actually present the Israelis with a faithfully elected set of leaders. Then again, I doubt it. One other thing the President may believe (if the stories about his choices in authors are accurate) but cannot say in the overly politically correct arena of diplomacy, is that Islamic culture is fundamentally destructive, outdated and doomed to extinction. That militant Islam seizes its adherents amongst such a large portion of the Middle Eastern population and penetrates the believer to depths unheard of in modern Christianity and Judaism speaks of a dark future for the Arab world.

Presley H. Cannady is a member of the Class of 2002.

Three Problems For MIT

Dan Tortorice

MIT has given me many problem sets over the past four years. Now, as I approach my graduation, I'd like to give a problem set.

Problem 1: How do we fit well-rounded classes into MIT's narrow curriculum?

The MIT admissions committee has taken pains to admit students with a wide array of interests. No longer is it interested in the student whose sole hobby is factorization. At first glance it seems that MIT allows incoming students to pursue any academic interest. Classes are offered in a plethora of fields including humanities, and humanities classes are often small, allowing students to receive personal attention. Despite these options, MIT is still a difficult place to pursue non-science interests.

The reason lies not in the Institute's options but in its attitude. How often do MIT students describe their class schedules like this: 6.003, 14.02, 6.046, and a HASS? This ubiquitous statement relegates academic interest in the humanities to a position lower than interest in science or engineering. Often when I inform students that I am taking a playwriting class I'm asked, "Why are you taking that?" or "Do you need it for your HASS requirement?" I answer, "No, I don't need to take it; I want to." But I'm always left with the feeling that my peers can't understand why I'd be interested in something so equationless.

You may think that students who come to MIT are not interested in non-science/engineering fields, at least not to the extent to which they are interested in science. Why else would they have chosen MIT? But how many high school seniors know what they want to do with their lives? Haven't we all met the excited freshman who wanted to major in physics only to spend freshman year hating 8.01 and voting for Hal Bradt in the Big Screw contest?

As MIT admits more "well-rounded" people, it will admit more and more people who don't know what they want to do, or who would rather pursue an interest outside science and engineering. But if the MIT culture doesn't change, these students will be discouraged from pursuing what they love. They will choose instead something that they don't like but that is accepted. And they will be unhappy. Unless we can change MIT's culture, I fear that we will be admitting more and more unhappy people.

Problem 2: How can we deal with gender segregation in classes across MIT?

As a math major I've noticed there are some classes at the Institute that make me think I'm in the 1920s. I'm in two math classes this term. The first class has one female in it; the other has two. In total the two classes have at least 35 students. While MIT has been successful in shrinking the overall male-to-female ratio, it has not been successful in changing the ratio in all majors and all classes. One can argue that this should not be a goal of MIT. That is fair enough, but to be the only female in a class must be a bit disconcerting. If MIT wants all majors and classes to be comfortable environments for females, it must address this problem.

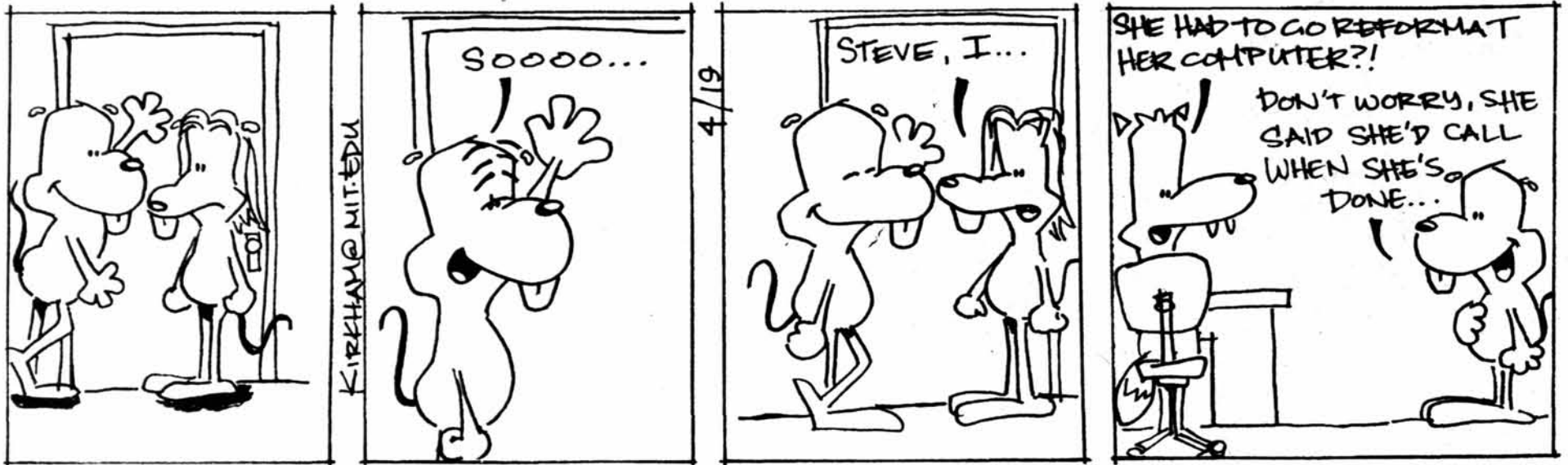
Problem 3: How can we make MIT a more creative environment?

Whenever I begin a piece of creative writing, be it a short story or a play, I need to leave my normal MIT life and go somewhere different. Leaving campus is often the most inspiring course of action, but given time constraints I will often just go to the coffeehouse, which is the most non-MIT MIT place I know of. There is something about MIT that stifles my ability to reach beyond the mundane aspects of my life and find something insightful to express. Perhaps it's the MIT approach to education: the so-called firehose that inundates you with knowledge but gives scarce time for you to question, ponder, and extend that knowledge.

Now you might wonder why this is important. MIT is hardly in the business of training creative writers, but there's something creative about scientific research as well. Great researchers have the ability to reach beyond the current knowledge of their discipline and find a new insight. MIT's economics PhD program has turned out numerous Nobel Prize winners, yet an MIT undergraduate has never won an economics Nobel. If MIT wants its undergraduates to become world-class researchers it must find ways to promote creativity.

MIT has been a great place to go to school. I've learned much and been well-prepared for my life, and I feel blessed to attend MIT. But what makes the Institute unique has also created problems, and in solving these problems MIT can make itself a better educational institution.

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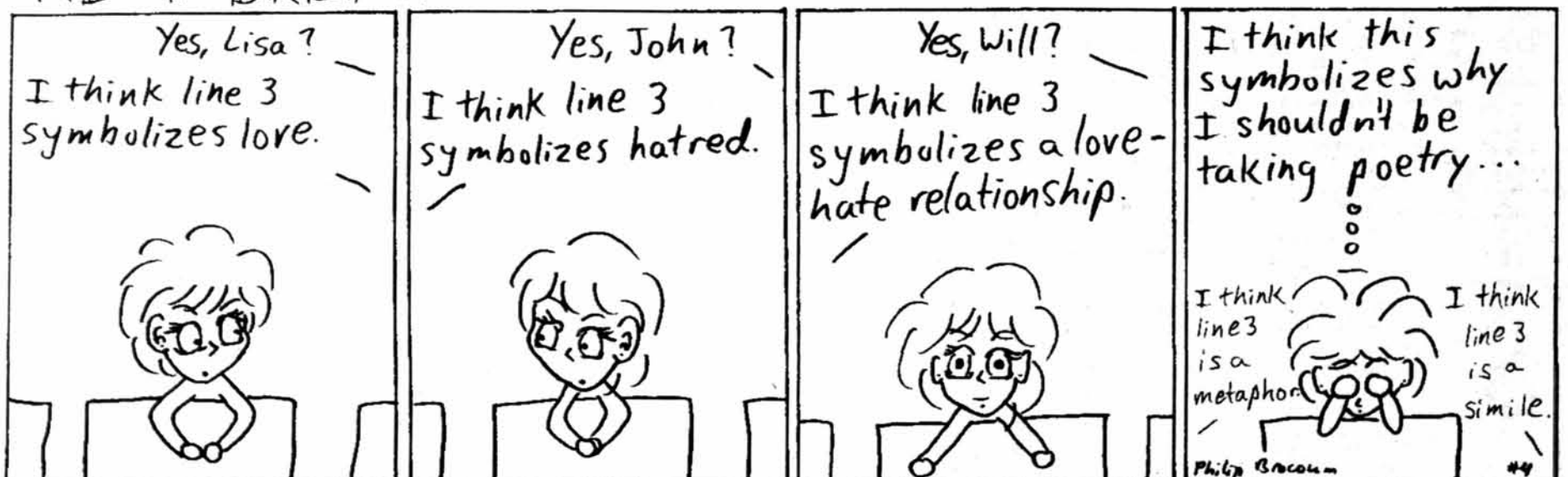


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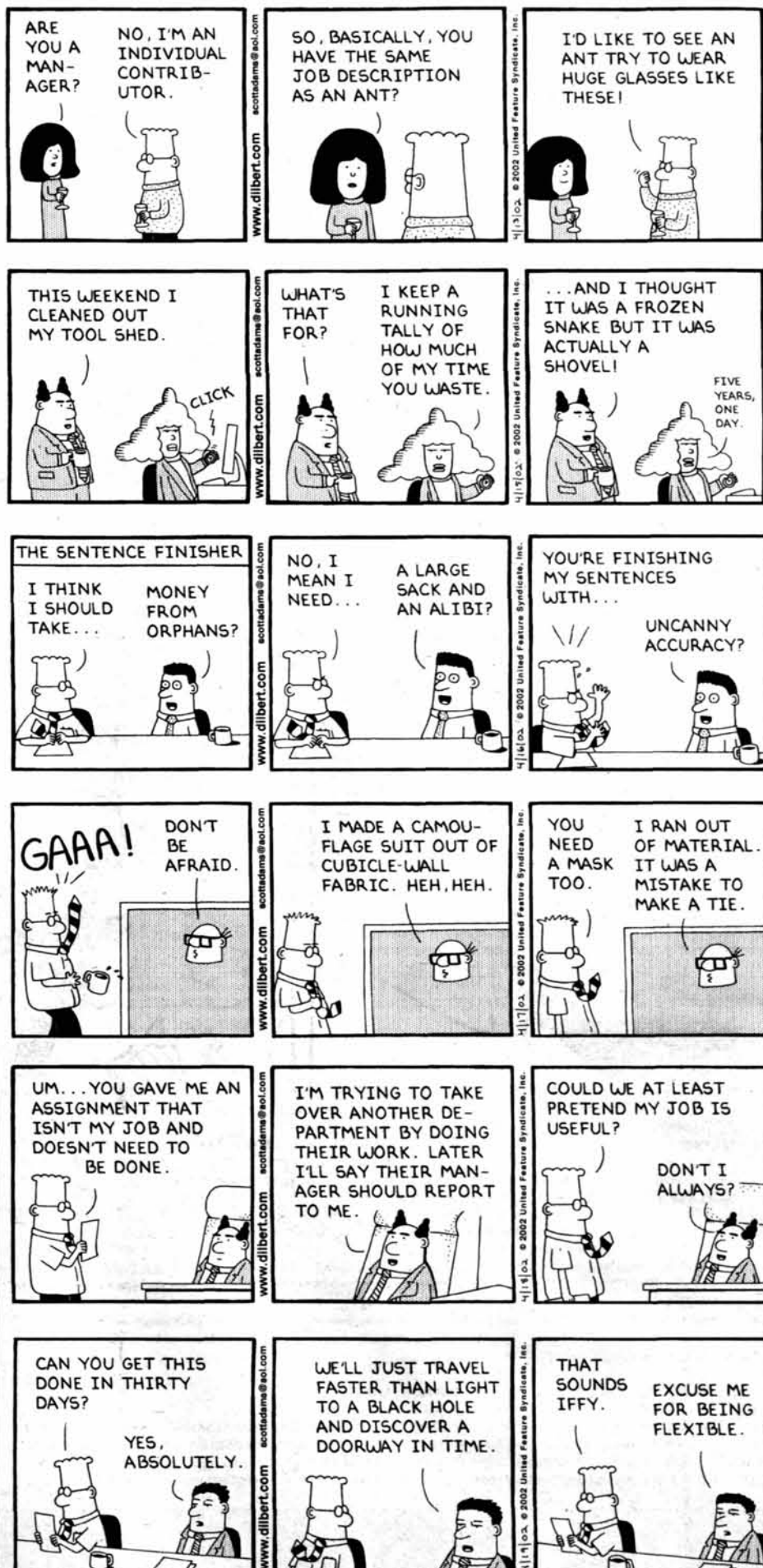
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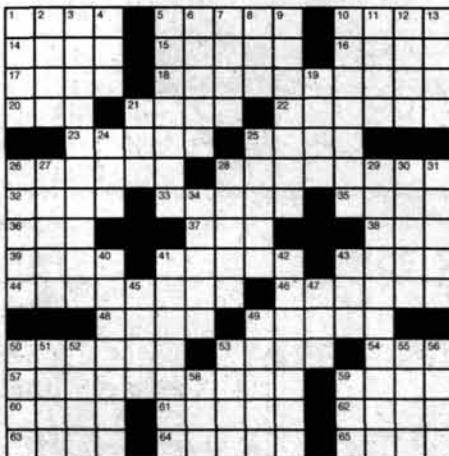
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- 33 Man and Dogs
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- 52 Hebrew weight
- 53 Army post
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- 58 Actress Charlotte
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Dogswalk Against Cancer

Sunday, April 28, 2002



Unleash your pooch's power to fight cancer! Join the American Cancer Society's Dogswalk Against Cancer, a noncompetitive dog walkathon to raise money for the fight against human and animal cancers.

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Events Calendar

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Friday, April 19

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Biological Engineering-Kids Day! Our 2nd annual Kids Day! The day will consist of games which include Science activities hosted by our graduate students and faculty. Free. Room: 56-614. Sponsor: Division of Bioengineering & Environmental Health.

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. – SAVE Earth Day Celebration. Folk Singer David Rovics (<http://www.davidrovics.com>) will be giving a concert in Kresge Oval at 4 p.m. (rain location: 6-120). From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. SAVE members will be giving away free potted plants, holding a bicycle repair workshops, a living lightly at MIT workshop and information booths on "Green" initiatives at MIT. Free. Room: Kresge Oval. Sponsor: SAVE, Environmental Programs Task Force.

12:00 p.m. – People vs. Gold in Peru: An Andean Village Organizes Against the Global Mining Industry. In June, 2000, a toxic spill traced to a U.S.-owned mine in Peru ignited a battle between the villagers of Choropampa and the multi-national mining industry. More than a thousand people suffered mercury poisoning. Organizing themselves, the villagers confronted and negotiated with the mine owners and the Peruvian government; an agreement was reached to clean up the spill and to compensate those who were injured. What lessons can we draw from this experience? Daniel Moss (MIT/DUSP '00) has worked for over twenty years in community organizing and development. Most recently he served as South America Program Officer for Oxfam America. Not only will he tell us what he learned about organizing in the Andes, he will also reflect on what it's like being an activist at home and abroad. Free. Room: Stella Room (MIT 7-338). Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project. MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – ACDL Seminar. Reflections on the V-22 Commission. Free. Room: 33-206. Sponsor: AeroAstro.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Dreamweaver Quick Start. Dreamweaver 4 is a powerful tool for creating and managing complex Web sites. This session introduces users to the Dreamweaver interface and gives a brief overview of Web publishing practices at MIT. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:10 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. – Physical Oceanography Sack Lunch Seminar. Stability of the Thermohaline Circulation: A Box Model Study. Free. Room: 54-1615. Sponsor: Physical Oceanography.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – MIT Sawyer Series, Modern Times, Rural Places. "Settling with Buffalo Bill: Myth, Nature, and the State in Wild West Wyoming." Free. Room: MIT, Building E51, Room 095 (Basement). Sponsor: STS.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Mechanical Engineering Seminar. "Microscale Electromanipulation of Cells for Bioscience Discovery." Free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: ME Seminar Series.

3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. – Clean and Efficient Fossil Fuel Power Generation Environmental Challenges and Technology Responses. Chemical Engineering Department Spring Seminar Series. Free. Room: 66-110. Sponsor: Chemical Engineering.

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – David Rovics, Open Air Concert. David Rovics, world renowned social activist and singer, will come perform at MIT for SAVE's Earth Week celebrations. All members of the MIT community are welcome to attend this free concert! Sponsored by the Graduate Student Council and Students for Global Sustainability. Free. Room: Kresge Oval, Stratton Steps. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, SAVE. SGS.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – PSFC Seminar. Electron Bernstein Wave Emission Measurements on NSTX and CDX-U. Free. Room: NW17-218. Sponsor: Plasma Science and Fusion Center.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. – Finite Groups and Probabilistic Combinatorics. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

5:00 p.m. – Summer 2002 UROP Direct-Funding Deadline. All students requesting UROP Direct-Funding (Funding provided by the UROP office) for summer 2002 UROPs must submit proposals and signed coversheets to the UROP Office in Room 7-104 by 5PM today, Friday, April 19, 2002. Free. Room: 7-104. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center, UROP.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – From Burnout at MIT to Joy in Life. Andrew Sears, a former MIT graduate student, will share his journey of dealing with burnout at MIT and of undergoing a radical transformation to finding joy in life as he searched for his vocation. Free. Room: Student Center Mezzanine Lounge (W20-307). Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

7:00 p.m. – Kate & Leopold. Kate McKay (Meg Ryan) and her actor brother Charlie (Breckin Meyer) live in 21st Century New York. Her ex-boyfriend Stuart (Liev Schreiber), an eccentric scientist who dabbles in theoretical physics, lives in the apartment above. As confirmation of a new theory, he finds a spacetime gap near the Brooklyn Bridge. Using the portal, Stuart travels back to around 1870 and takes pictures of the sights, as proof of his journey. Leopold (Hugh Jackman), a man living in this time, is puzzled by Stuart's tiny camera and follows him, ending up back in the 21st century. Leopold is clueless about his new surroundings, but gets help and insight from Charlie who is under the mistaken impression that Leopold is an actor, always in character. Despite Leopold's high intelligence, the fast pace of modern New York is rather overwhelming, especially Kate's attempts to climb the corporate ladder in advertising. Is there room for the love of a perfect gentleman like Leopold in Kate's corporate world? Will Kate still want the coveted position if she attains it? Will Leopold's absence from his own century cause too much of a paradox? Can the two lovers find their happy ending? \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

7:00 p.m. – MIT Anime Club Weekly Screening. "Black Heaven," "Fruits Basket," "Jubei-Chan" (8-10)." Most screenings are subtitled in English. The MIT Anime Club is a non-profit MIT student organization dedicated to increasing the awareness of Japanese animation (anime) on campus. Free. Room: Rm 6-120. Sponsor: MIT Anime Club.

7:30 p.m. – Ajoy Pahankar, Hindustani Vocalist. Subhen Chatterjee, tabla. Presented by MITHAS (MIT Heritage of South Asia) in cooperation with Sangam and the New England Hindu Temple. This mature young singer is one of the new generation of khyal singers who has won the hearts of the old guard for the power and lyric beauty of his concerts. \$17; \$14-MITHAS and New England Hindu Temple members; \$10-students with ID; \$5 MIT students with ID. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: MITHAS (MIT Heritage of South Asia).

8:00 p.m. – The Gondollers. \$9; \$7 MIT community, seniors, other students, children; \$5 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Gilbert and Sullivan Players, MIT.

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. – Spring Dance Festival. Come for two dance workshops and party at 9 p.m.! See <http://mitbdt.mit.edu> for workshop schedule and pricing. Starting at \$2. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: MIT Ballroom Dance Team.

8:00 p.m. – Tomfoolery. Tom Lehrer revue of witty, wicked, off-beat and thoroughly twisted songs. In concerts, television appearances and a series of now-classic recordings, the Harvard-educated math professor delighted millions of fans during the 1950s-60s with dry, cynical but good-humored attacks on the A-bomb, racism, pollution, pornography, the military, boy scouts and of course, mathematics. Nothing is sacred in this revue featuring such Lehrer favorites as "Poisoning Pigeons in the Park," "When You are Old and Grey," "The Masochism Tango," "The Old Dope Peddler," "The Vatican Rag," and an unforgettable Gilbert and Sullivan-esque recitation of the table of elements linked together with Lehrer's own inimitable concert patter. \$9, \$8 MIT community/other students/seniors, \$6 MIT/Wellesley students; group rates available in advance. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild, MIT.

8:00 p.m. – Gamelan Galak Tika Spring Concert. Featuring new works by MIT Professor Evan Ziporyn and Dan Schmidt as well as premieres of pieces by Christine Southworth, Joshua Penman and Danielle Smith. Free. Room: Kresge Auditorium. Sponsor: Gamelan Galak Tika.

9:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Communications Under the Seas: A Twice-Rejuvenated 19th-Century Technology and its Social Implications. Dibner Institute Spring Conference. Free. Room: E56-100. Sponsor: Dibner Institute.

10:00 p.m. – Kate & Leopold. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

Saturday, April 20

9:00 a.m. – 3rd Annual Charles River Clean Up. Join us for the annual Charles River cleanup. We will be meeting at 9 a.m. on the Stratton Steps and trekking up river to remove some garbage from the Esplanade. Free t-shirts and food and, as always, fun times. Free. Room: Student Center Steps. Sponsor: SAVE, Environmental Programs Task Force.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Negotiating the Deal: Sex, Lies and Valuation. How do you negotiate with investors who do this

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11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Beaver Dash. Beaver Dash is a campus-wide design competition which will pit teams of seven against each other in an intense battle of quick and creative thinking. This competition is open to MIT students, faculty, alumni, staff and high schoolers in the whole of Massachusetts. Beaver Dash is a great opportunity to meet other students, professors, and alumni from the MIT community as well as interact with high school and middle school students from Boston and Cambridge. You also get lots of cool STUFF like a T-SHIRT, LUNCH, and chances to win PRIZES. Free. Room: 4-270. Sponsor: Society of Women Engineers.

6:00 p.m. – Cohesion: African, Caribbean, African-American Cultural Show. Evening celebrating diverse culture within the african, caribbean, and african-american community at MIT. Performances include dance, drumming, step show, jazz, poetry and more. Dinner included. \$5. Room: Walker Memorial Hall. Sponsor: Black Students' Union.

7:00 p.m. – Ali. Cassius Clay (Will Smith) was a smart-talking, fast-stepping ball of fire, in the ring, and out, who lit up professional sports in the 1960's, eventually dropping his slave name and becoming Muhammad Ali, and refusing to go to Vietnam. Champion, leader, and media super-figure. Ali was all four Beatles wrapped up in one. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

7:00 p.m. – MUSES Spring Concert. All-female a capella just for your listening and viewing pleasure. Free!!! Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Muses, The MIT.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Patrol. Shoot your friends! Travel to strange, new classrooms; meet interesting, unusual people; and kill them. A team game of shoot-em-up; guns provided. Free. Room: Building 36, First Floor. Sponsor: Assassins' Guild, MIT.

8:00 p.m. – The Gondollers. \$9; \$7 MIT community, seniors, other students, children; \$5 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Gilbert and Sullivan Players, MIT.

8:00 p.m. – Tomfoolery \$9, \$8 MIT community/other students/seniors, \$6 MIT/Wellesley students; group rates available in advance. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild, MIT.

10:30 p.m. – Ali. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

Sunday, April 21

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Bike Ride to Emerald Necklace Lakes. We will take a bike ride to celebrate Earth Week to the picturesque Emerald Necklace Lakes. Free. Room: Stratton Student Center steps. Sponsor: SAVE.

2:00 p.m. – The Gondollers. \$9; \$7 MIT community, seniors, other students, children; \$5 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Gilbert and Sullivan Players, MIT.

2:00 p.m. – Impressions in Modern Brass Music. Jazz and jazz-influenced music performed by Tarik Ward '03 and Andy Arizpe '05, trumpets; Allison Lewis '04, french horn; Dan Benhammou '03, trombone/euphonium; Andrew C. Thomas '04, tuba. Program includes Billy Strayhorn's 'Lush Life', Clifford Brown's 'Sandu' and Duke Ellington's 'Mood Indigo.' Refreshments will be served following the performance. Sponsored by the MIT Council for the Arts. Free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

2:30 p.m. – Wholesale Klezmer Band. The Wholesale Klezmer Band has, since 1982, performed both in the traditional context of providing music and dance leadership for Jewish weddings and other simkhes, on the concert stage, and at school and college educational programs. Credits include performances and workshops at the Conference on Judaism in Rural New England, Conference for the Advancement of Jewish Education, the New England Festival of Folk Arts (NEFFA), a Celebration of Folk Music for the 100th anniversary of Carnegie Hall hosted by Pete Seeger, and at the Inauguration of President Clinton. Their repertoire includes music for dance, traditional Yiddish folk songs, and Yiddish theater and vaudeville songs, including original compositions. The Wholesale Klezmer Band consists of Joe (Yosl) Kurland, (vocals and fiddle), Sherry Mayrent (clarinet), Owen Davidson (accordion, banjo, guitar), Michael Suter (bass viol), Brian Bender trombone), Richie Davis (percussion), Peggy Davis (flute). \$3 students, \$10 non-students. Room: Lobdell Dining Hall. Sponsor: Presented by MIT Hillel, supported by Residential Life and Student Life Programs, Jewish Student Projects, MIT Folk Dance Club, MIT Council for the Arts, and MIT Hillel William Abramowitz Program Fund.

7:00 p.m. – Kate & Leopold. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

10:00 p.m. – Ali. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

Monday, April 22

12:00 p.m. – Arts Colloquium. All MIT faculty and arts staff are invited to hear Artist-in-Residence Diane Willow speak on her work at 12 noon. Lunch will be served; reservations required. For more information, contact Laura Moses by April 17. One in a series of arts colloquia organized by Associate Provost for the Arts Alan Brody. Free. Sponsor: Associate Provost for the Arts.

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Blood Drive. Come help save lives by donating blood or volunteering to help with our drive! See our Web page for more information or to make an appointment to donate. Free. Room: La Sala. Sponsor: American Red Cross Team and Network, Blood Drives.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Electromagnetic Analysis and Modeling Techniques for High-Frequency Electronic Systems Design. EE Special Seminar. Free. Room: Marlar Lounge, 37-252. Sponsor: EECS, Boston Area MEMS.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – "Holomorphic disks and low-dimensional topology." Free. Room: 4-159. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – STS Colloquium. Landscapes of African Technology Transfer: Rice History and the Black Atlantic. Free. Sponsor: STS.


5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. – The Resilient City Colloquium: Trauma, Recovery and Remembrance. MIT's Resilient City project was conceived in response to the terrorist attacks that destroyed New York's World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The colloquium will examine critically how cities in the past have endured traumatic episodes, and prevailed to establish new order out of chaos and devastation. Weekly lecture series. Free. Room: Room 10-485. Sponsor: Department of Urban Studies and Planning.


6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – Conflicts, Crises and Refugees: A Panel on Eritrea, Colombia, and the role of the International Community. This panel on refugees will feature three speakers. Selam Daniel is a senior at MIT in Chemical Engineering and Management. In January 2002 she traveled to Eritrea to learn about the refugee crisis through photographs and interviews. She will present the findings from her field work. Dr. Jean Jackson is a professor of Anthropology here at MIT. She is an expert on the situation in Colombia regarding the indigenous population, and will be speaking on these issues. Dr. Sharon Russell is the Chair of the steering group of the Mellon-MIT program on NGOs and Forced Migration. She will speak on international policy issues as they pertain to refugees, asylum speakers and the internally displaced. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: United Trauma Relief.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Hungarian Folk Dancing. Mezősegi folk dance classes. \$ 2. Room: 1-371. Sponsor: Hungarian Student Association of MIT.

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – UA Council Meeting. Meeting of the Undergraduate Association Council. Find out what's happening on campus! Free. Room: W20-400. Sponsor: Undergraduate Association.

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. – Music at The Ear. Krysalis, a night of trance with sasha, yannis, rajesh and selim, starts at 10 p.m. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the Ashdown House basement. Enter through the courtyard. Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 2 a.m. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. This event is funded in part by the Grants Program of the Council for the Arts at MIT. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Atat, MIT-DMC.





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THE ARTS

CONCERT REVIEW

Rusted Root
Music that Gets You High

By Allison Lewis
STAFF WRITER

Rusted Root

Rusted Root

Tuesday April 9, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday night, thousands of crazy college kids packed into the sticky-floored, smoky-aired, beer-smelling Avalon and bounced spastically to Rusted Root's electric groove. You might have heard of Rusted Root, six amazing musicians with a mostly college fan base, who have been compared to Dave Matthews Band. Their albums, including the hit album, *When I Woke*, are fast, chill, and addicting. But Rusted Root in concert is a whole new experience. Suddenly the music is on another level — it's manic and hypnotic. The April 9 concert celebrated the release of their new album, *Welcome to My Party*. The band, the crowd, and the atmosphere were charged and alive, bodies-moving, complete with the smell of marijuana.

On stage was Mike Glabicki, with a sexy, thrilling voice and animated guitar, Jenn Wertz and Liz Berlin, two powerful vocalists, dressed like an Urban Outfitters ad, Jim Donovan, the drummer responsible for Rusted Root's characteristic vibe, and Patrick Norman and John Buynek, the multi-talented guitarist and vocalist. Like any other band, the core of their music is acoustic and electric guitars, bass, and drums. Of course, they didn't just stick with these normal, boring instru-



—ISLAND RECORDS

Last week, Rusted Root energized Avalon with their hypnotically addictive music.

ments. Throughout the concert, recorders, washboards, keyboards, flutes, banjos, marimbas, harmonicas, and several other nameless instruments were thrown into the mix. With these untamed instruments, the band played bluegrass, country, African, Indian, blues, jazz, rock, worldly, and indie music, all unique and spectacular and with the same intense beat and energy. The audience never stopped bouncing.

Glabicki and Wertz put their weighty, take-charge voices convincingly together in their amazing ballad "Blue Diamonds," each attempting at times to drown out the other, mak-

ing the song beautifully true to life. And the crowd loved it — the usual bouncing slowed to nods and smiles of respect and wonder.

Liz Berlin showed off her voice in "Too Much," also on the album. Her voice, like the song, was clear and carefree. Unlike Wertz's throaty, blue-inspired croons, Liz sang melodically and simply. For most of the concert, she added drama to the songs without really calling attention to herself. She seemed to be that necessary band member who takes on the unclaimed vocal and instrumental parts, but doesn't often get yelled for. Eventually, the crowd finally noticed, and cheered her on in

"Too Much."

Of course, each member adds a flavor, and Tuesday night, the flavors came together. I was convinced. Rusted Root fits together and rocks like no other. The percussion takes the lead and the melody follows, like partners dancing.

During "Weave," Wertz danced and made faces at the audience while she sang the jazzy, lively song. Like a snake, she wiggled her spine and shoulders and sang, "Wiggle your backbone/Dance with me baby!" She rubbed against her charged partner, Glabicki, who joined in with her at the chorus, and they sang with their cheeks pressed together into one microphone. The music had me going and I could only laugh at their cute stage performance.

At one point, they lost the melody and played only percussion. That is the element that makes Rustied Root unique. Every member shook or beat cowbells, maracas, tambourines, cymbals, bongos, congas, or timbales. I admit, I became bored with this part, and felt it lasted too long, but the crowd continued to bounce, so maybe they didn't agree.

The concert ended with a shattering performance of "Ecstasy," followed by a thirty-minute encore, which was the best encore I've ever experienced. They sang "Happy Birthday" to their new album, Glabicki screamed "This is the happiest day of my life!" and then they played their biggest hit, "Send Me on My Way," which seemed to make the audience high.

Rusted Root performed for and with the crowd. We were all inside the music. Glabicki and his ladies sang loudly, freely to the rhythmically wild drum beats. The sound was primal, acoustic, and aggressive. Rusted Root overwhelmed.

THEATER REVIEW

Charlie and Algernon

Introducing the Tech Players

By Amy Meadows
STAFF WRITER

Charlie and Algernon

Lipchitz Courtyard, Building 14

April 11-14, 8 p.m.

Based on the novel "Flowers for Algernon"

by Daniel Keyes

Directed by Jean Marie Barnwell '03

Starring Cemocan S. Yesil '03, Jean Marie

Barnwell '03, Saphir D. Hamilton '01.

James J. O'Donnell '01, and Ashley S. Robinson '05

surgery, Charlie grasps little of the complexity of the world inhabited by other people. When the doctors ask him to use his imagination on the Rorschach test, he ponders and replies, "I see a big inkblot!" After the surgery, Ms. Kinnian and Charlie begin to kindle a romance. Charlie also goes back to work at the bakery, only to see a darker side of humanity that he could not before his operation.

Yesil does an excellent job with the weighty role, one that requires significant versatility. In the number "Charlie and Algeron," he proves that he can even act with a mouse as his sidekick. As the pre-surgery Charlie, Yesil expresses his character's joys and frustrations as a child would. His ticks, facial mannerisms, and coordination all expressed Charlie's distance from "normality." The post-surgery Charlie grows to be a complex character, and Yesil takes advantage of these new aspects and contrasts them with Charlie's original level of development.

At first reluctant to enter into a relationship with a former student, Charlie's romantic interest Alice, played by Barnwell, falls for Charlie and tries to take care of him even when it becomes apparent that Charlie's surgery will regress. Barnwell's performance seemed especially tentative during her first scenes in which she was only Charlie's teacher. By the second act, she had warmed to the role, and her acting and emotions grew in depth.

Most of the supporting characters were

fairly static and flat, with few exceptions. One of the exceptions is Dr. Nemur. Already burdened by questions of whether Charlie was happier when he was disabled, he is racked with guilt when Charlie begins to regress. Hamilton convinces the audience of his sincerity while grappling with questions about playing God.








Ashley S. Robinson '05, playing bakery owner Mrs. Donner, used her character's ambivalence to begin to create doubt about whether Charlie's surgery has been for his character's betterment. Robinson's character was genuinely pained at the prospect of letting Charlie go.

Jeremy J. Sawicki '99 carried much of the burden for the music of "Charlie and Algernon" as the sole accompanist. Sawicki handled the various moods of the music for the play adeptly, bringing out the tone in each piece. While his music faded into the background during many numbers in the play, he was showcased in the beginning and after intermission with highlights.

The production of "Charlie and Algernon" has many unique aspects. One is the theater-in-a-tent idea. The Lipchitz Courtyard by Building 14 generally sits dormant, enclosed as it is on all sides by buildings. Yet, the first several nights of the production were particularly chilly. Perhaps the idea is better suited to August than April, but it won points for originality.

Second, The Tech Players decided to take on a highly unconventional play, one that centers on physical and mental disability and asks questions about medical ethics. The sheer enthusiasm of the cast made up for many of the failings of the script.

The individuals in the play took up a challenging subject and lived up to The Tech Player's motto as a bold new theater group.

 <p>100 HUNTINGTON AVE • 800-555-TELL</p>  <p>SEE ACADEMY AWARD® WINNING FILM "MONSTER'S BALL!"</p>	 <p>From the director of "The Full Monty" comes the story of a small-time crook who botches a bank robbery, lands in prison, and stages a musical that turns out to be Act One of the perfect escape plan. But the crook gets stumped in Act Two when he falls in love with his leading lady.</p> <p>Shows Daily at 11:40am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:05 No 11:40am shows on Sun</p>	 <p>Set against the lush backdrop of Mexico, this sexy road trip movie stars Diego Luna and Gael García Bernal as teenage best friends. Their lives, ruled by raging hormones and a headlong rush into adulthood, are interrupted by a stunning Spaniard named Luisa. Fueled by alcohol and her beauty, the boys ask Luisa to join them on a road trip to a remote and romantic beach, though their destination becomes the mysterious place where innocence, sexuality, and friendships collide.</p> <p>Shows Daily on 3 Screens at 10:30am, 11:30am 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:05, 7:00, 7:45, 8:40, 9:20, 10:10 No 10:30am, 11:30am shows on Sun</p>	 <p><i>Monster's Ball</i> is a hard-hitting Southern drama tempered by a story of life-changing love. Billy Bob Thornton stars as Hank, an embittered prison guard working on Death Row, who begins an unlikely but emotionally-charged affair with Leticia (Halle Berry), the wife of a man he has just executed. Filmed on location in and around New Orleans and at the notorious Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola (also known as "The Farm").</p> <p>Shows Daily on 2 Screens at 10:30am 12:15, 3:20, 4:15, 6:30, 8:55, 10:00 No 10:30am show on Sun</p>	 <p>Jessica—a sensitive but neurotic New York journalist—sees an intriguing personal ad; only problem - it's in the 'Women Seeking Women' section. On a whim, she decides to answer it. She meets Helen Cooper for drinks and, to her surprise, they click instantly. With conventional gender roles absent, the two women begin a hilarious courtship, making up the rules as they go along.</p> <p>Shows Daily on 2 Screens at 10:35am 12:50, 1:55, 3:05, 5:20, 6:40, 7:35, 9:55 No 10:35am show on Sun</p>	 <p>Winner of the top prize at the 2001 Venice International Film Festival, the film links the stories of far-flung family members, their servants, and secret lovers as a Punjabi family reunites for their daughter's lavish wedding in New Delhi.</p> <p>Shows Daily at 12:05, 2:55, 6:05, 9:15</p>
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ON THE SCREEN

— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

The following movies are playing this weekend at local theaters. The Tech suggests using <http://ae.boston.com/movies/> for a complete listing of times and locations.

★★★★ Excellent
★★★ Good
★★ Fair
★ Poor

Blade II ★★★

Although the plot is even less original than the first, *Blade II* still delivers with its blood-drenched, dark vision of the world hidden beneath our own. If you want a serious movie with a deep story, move on, but if you want hard action and horrific visuals, see *Blade II*.

— Dan Robey

Death to Smoochy ★★★

Warner Brothers markets the film's mascot as an adorable plush rhinoceros in a body bag, a symbol evocative of the guilty laughs and twisted humor that characterize the movie. *Smoochy* viewers will raise eyebrows or do double-takes at twisted concepts like the involvement of the Irish mob, Edward Norton dressed as a giant rhinoceros, and Danny DeVito, in this hilarious satire of the children's television industry. — Sandra M. Chung

Monsoon Wedding ★★★

The arranged marriage of a young Indian couple in Delhi brings together a whole cast of delightful characters who sing, laugh and cry as they are reawakened and strengthened by the power of love to bring people together. *Monsoon Wedding* is a vibrant, light-hearted romantic comedy with a talented, all-star Indian cast and the intimate creative touch of Mira Nair. — Jonathan Choi

Panic Room ★★★

While thrilling and fun for a while, *Panic Room* falls short of its ultimate potential and is overall forgettable. Though the last part of the burglary saga is spectacular, the ending leaves much to be desired. Fincher decides to end the story in no particular fashion, only notifying the audience that it's time to go home. — Brian Loux

Resident Evil ★½

While its violence is barely excessive enough to make you cringe, its plot is not dynamic enough to make you truly care. If you're looking a cheap thrill ride, *Resident Evil* can adequately conjure your adrenaline. If not, then avoid this one like the T-virus. — Jumaane Jeffries

Y Tu Mamá También ★★★

Two doped-up and horny friends, convince a scorned cousin-in-law to accompany them on a road trip to an imaginary beach on Mexico's Pacific coast. Along the way the three friends learn to live, laugh and love. What *Y Tu Mamá* lacks in setup and loses in slight excess is more than compensated for by an unusual sobriety rarely found in American teen movies. — Jed Horne

The Scorpion King ★★★

Even though *The Scorpion King* isn't flawless, and even if it doesn't make sense at times, it makes up for it in coolness. If you're not prepared to overlook the movie's flaws, don't see the movie. If you are, however, prepare to put your brain in neutral and be entertained, because The Rock delivers everything you would want in a good action movie. — Brian Loux



— UNIVERSAL PICTURES

The Scorpion King Mathayus (The Rock) wages war in *The Scorpion King*.

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Nobel Laureate Tutu Discusses Middle East Conflict

By Rima Arnaout
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Nobel Peace Prize winner and famed anti-apartheid spokesman Archbishop Desmond Tutu spoke in Boston's Old South Church last Saturday, speaking this time for a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Approximately 200 people gathered outside Old South Church during Tutu's speech, holding signs calling for justice in the Middle East and welcoming the Nobel Laureate.

Bilal Zuberi G was one of them. "I think all of us outside the church were simply there to listen to Desmond Tutu, a hero for a great many people in this world, and to protest against the massacre being committed by Israel in Jenin and elsewhere in Palestine," he said.

In his speech, Tutu expressed his support for both Jews and Arabs, while criticizing the Israeli govern-

ment's current occupation of Palestinian lands. "I've been very depressed in my visit to the Holy Land; it reminded me so much of what happened to us blacks in South Africa," Tutu said. "I have seen the humiliation of the Palestinians at checkpoints and roadblocks suffer like us when young white police officers prevented us from moving about."

Tutu's speech was the keynote address of a two-day conference called "Ending the Occupation," hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, Friends of Sabeel-North America, and Friends of Sabeel-New England. The latter two organizations' goal is to support and coordinate with the Sabeel Ecumenical Theology Center, based in Jerusalem.

Tutu questions memory of Jews

Tutu began his address by cit-

ing "the noble religious traditions" of Judaism, beginning in ancient times, and recounting how many Jews aided in struggles for human rights around the world.

"In our struggle against apartheid, some of our greatest allies were Jews," he said. "And in the civil rights movement, Jews were on the side of the disenfranchised ... why are our memories so short that our Jewish sisters and brothers have forgotten the humiliation of wearing yellow arm bands ... have they forgotten their own history so soon?" Tutu said.

Tutu equated apartheid to the Israeli occupation, saying he believed in Israel's right to have secure borders, and he said that Arab states make a mistake in not recognizing Israel's sovereignty. "What was not justified, however, was what Israel did to another people to ensure its safety," he said.

Tutu also said that the demolition of homes as a way to find suspected terrorists amounted to "collective punishment" of the Palestinian population. While he condemned suicide bombers, Tutu said that because of media censorship, "you don't see what these tanks are doing to just ordinary people."

Applauding the works of grassroots peace efforts in places like college campuses, he urged people not to be discouraged by what they may see as a small part in a large dispute. "Remember that there is only one way to eat an elephant: one piece at a time," he said.

Moral obligation to activism

As an archbishop, Tutu framed the importance of speaking out against wrongdoing in a religious context, speaking about the "God of salam and shalom."

"God is omnipotent ... but is also utterly impotent. God does not dispatch lightning bolts to remove tyrants, as we hoped he would. God waits for you ... [He] is only as weak as the weakest of [His] partners," Tutu said.

In closing, Tutu encouraged the audience to "put out a clarion call to the government of Israel and the Palestinian people that peace is possible."

Much of the crowd was moved by Tutu's words. "Desmond Tutu's honest speech awoke these emotions in me — questions which all of us should ask of ourselves, especially in this country since we are able to influence things around the world much more than others," Zuberi said.

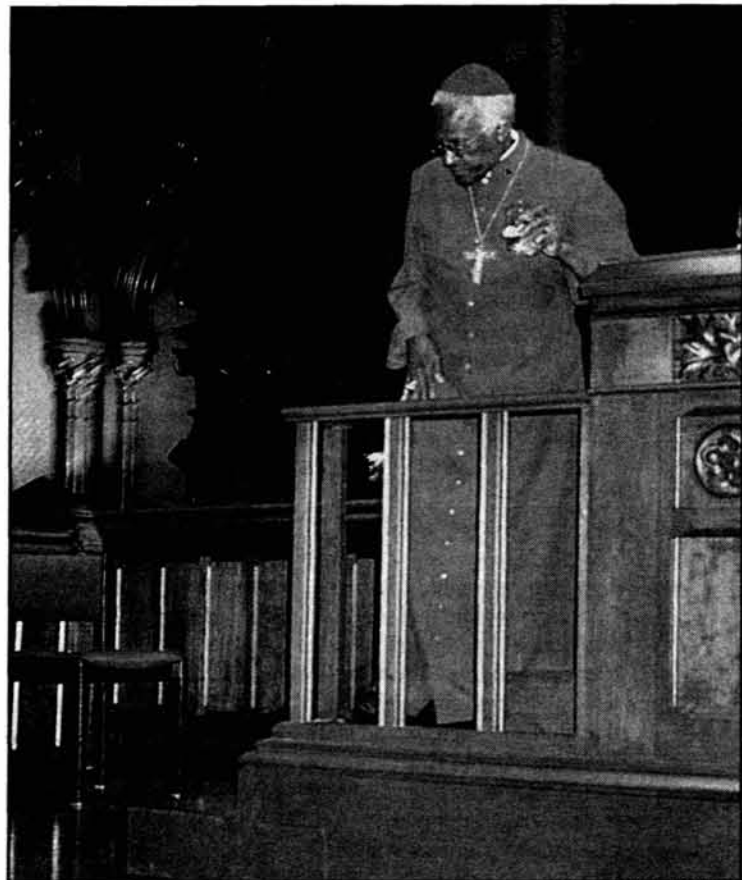
"I hope others present inside the hall and outside, and those who read his speech later on felt the same."

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"Churches and mosques have been vandalized or demolished. Traditional religious practices in Tibet have long been the target of especially harsh and unjust persecution. And most recently, adherents of the Falun Gong spiritual movement have been singled out for arrest and abuse... This persecution is unworthy of all that China has been -- a civilization with a history of tolerance. And this persecution is unworthy of all that China should become -- an open society that respects the spiritual dignity of its people."

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Graduates of "China's M.I.T." Detained and Tortured

The world is well aware that in China the government's relentless propaganda against Falun Gong has prevented many from learning the real truth of this peaceful practice. Especially alarming are the atrocities and human rights abuses that students, faculty, and staff in China's universities are subjected to, simply for practicing Falun Gong. A university is a place where students and faculty are free to exercise their own judgment and speak their opinion without the fear of persecution. Unfortunately, many who practice Falun Gong at universities in China have been arrested, brainwashed, beaten, and expelled, regardless of their previous achievements or service to the academic community. Here are a few examples of people from Qinghua University, the M.I.T. of China, who have been brutally persecuted for their belief in Falun Gong.

Yuan Jiang graduated from Qinghua University's Computer Science Department. He became head of the Falun Gong volunteer assistance center in Gansu Province before the brutal crackdown and thus knew many volunteer assistants. He was arrested on August 30, 2001 and endured two months of brutal torture at the bloody hands of the police department at Gansu Province. Yet he did not betray any practitioners nor give the police any information, despite the extreme brutality of their methods. He never recovered from his injuries and died recently. His body was immediately taken away by the police to hide evidence of torture.

Huang Kui was accepted by Qinghua University graduate program for PhD without taking the entrance exam. He graduated as the top student

from the Department of Precision Instruments. For his practice of Falun Gong, Mr. Huang has been detained for one year under the fabricated charge of subversion. He is facing severe sentencing at this time.

Lin Yang graduated from the Department of Hydropower, Class of 1994, and has received many scholarship awards. His excellence in study and behavior led to his admittance to the graduate school of Qinghua University without an entrance exam. Due to his practicing Falun Gong, Mr. Lin was forced to drop out of school. He has been illegally detained for one year for the fabricated charge of "subversion" and is facing an even more severe sentence.

Yao Yue was a postgraduate student of the class of 1996 in the Microelectronics Institute, a Party member and was once received the "Excellent Graduate of Beijing City" award. On September 3, 1999, she was forcibly taken to the police station at Qinghua University because she openly practiced the exercises on campus, and was interrogated into the wee hours of the next morning. She was later expelled from the Party and from the university. In the early morning of January 1, 2001, the criminal policemen from Zhong Guancun Police Station broke into her house and arrested her, then illegally detained her at the No. 7 Division of the Beijing Police Department (a branch that specially deals with serious criminal cases).

Liu Wenyu was a postgraduate student of the class of 1997 in the Heat Energy Department and was once awarded the "Excellent Student Scholarship" from the university. In May 1999, he started his PhD degree ahead of time because of his remarkable achievements. From January 15 to 30, 2000, he was illegally held under house arrest at the No. 200 Nu-

clear Testing Base and was forced to renounce his belief. In June 2000, he went to Tiananmen Square to peacefully appeal for Falun Gong, but was illegally detained for one month under charges of "suspected illegal gathering." Later, he was forced to leave school by Qinghua University. In the wee hours of January 1, 2001, the criminal policemen from Zhong Guancun Police Station broke into his house and arrested him, then illegally detained him at the No. 7 Division of Beijing Police Department.

We ask that you help us in telling people the truth about Falun Gong, especially those in China and Qinghua University who may have been deceived by the Chinese government's vicious propaganda. The world and China cannot let another brilliant professor or promising student suffer because of his or her genuine wish to practice the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance.

Western Practitioners Staged an Appeal in Beijing



A practitioner unfurling a banner that read "Falun Dafa Is Good" in Tiananmen Square before being arrested.

November 20, 2001 -- About 2 p.m. Beijing Time, 36 Western Falun Gong practitioners displayed a banner stating "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance" and staged a peaceful appeal for Falun Gong on Tiananmen Square. A few minutes later, they were all arrested by

Chinese police.

These 36 Western Falun Gong practitioners, who came from 12 countries including the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Germany, United States, Canada, and Australia, displayed a banner stating "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance" and sat in meditation on the Square. One of them called out loudly "Falun Dafa Is Good" to the tourists and was beaten by the police. According to an eyewitness account, a few minutes later, all 36 practitioners were arrested by the police. One practitioner made a brief phone call to a friend from a police station near Tiananmen Square about their situation and said that reporters from CNN and other overseas media were arrested along with them at the same time. Major western media such as the New York Times, BBC, CNN, Reuters, and AP have also reported on this incident. The AP photo to was taken on November 20.

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Voluntary Sanctions Sufficient, IFC Says

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investigation of the incident found that "several fraternity members had ... brought some personal alcohol down from their rooms to a common area."

"The member who was [a friend of] the intoxicated individual did not responsibly watch over his guest, and the guest obtained unsupervised alcohol and became intoxicated," Yue wrote in an e-mail to the executive officer of the CLC.

"Some of the older brothers had just been drinking and hanging out, and they just left their alcohol out," said PBE President Jae K. Ro '02. "The high school student was left unsupervised, and he got a hold of the alcohol."

PBE voluntarily goes dry

PBE will disallow alcohol in their house for the remainder of the term. "No alcohol is to be consumed on house premises nor is alcohol to be present inside the house at any time" until May 25, Ro wrote in an e-mail to administrators in early March.

"The very next day, we decided ... to take steps to make sure something like this would not happen again," Ro said.

Members of the fraternity will also complete several training sessions and seminars before allowing alcohol in the house again. PBE has also imposed several sanctions on "the individual who failed in his responsibility to take care of his guest," Ro said.

The IFC investigation determined that the incident "was a result of a sole individual's irresponsible actions," Yue wrote. "The individual violated [his] own fraternity rules as well as IFC

rules."

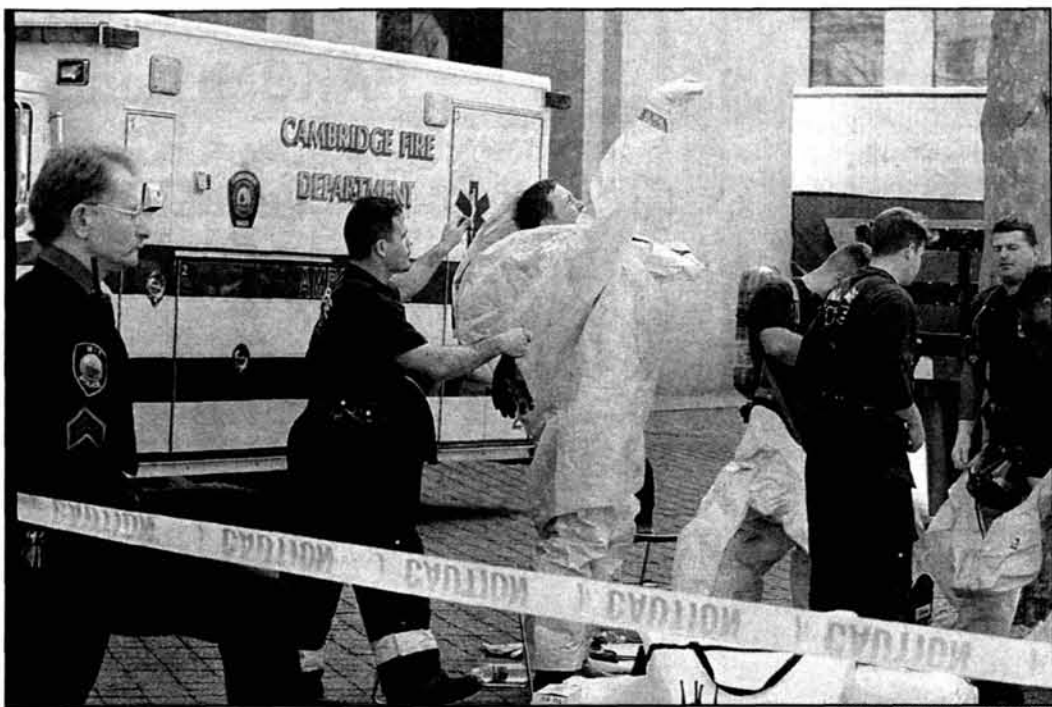
Because "this was not a house sponsored activity" and PBE "took swift precautionary education measures," the IFC did not impose any additional sanctions on the fraternity, Yue said.

The CLC could decide to "cancel, suspend, revoke, or further condition" PBE's lodging license, said CLC Executive Officer Richard V. Scali. He added that in the past two years, PBE has had "two violations," one over a water fight which resulted in the fire alarm going off, and another over renovations being done without proper permits.

Ro said he hoped the CLC would understand their case and not levy any heavy sanctions.

"I think that we've tried to take the right steps," Ro said. "Hopefully the CLC will see that ... we're trying to do the right thing."

The CLC has no records of past alcohol violations from PBE.



SCOTT JOHNSTON—THE TECH

Members of the Cambridge Fire Department assist one another in donning chemical-protective suits near the Green Building on Tuesday, April 9. The hazardous materials team was preparing to enter Building 18 in response to a chemical spill on the fourth floor that kept the building evacuated for over two hours.



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Meyer Lecture Focuses on History of Environmentalism

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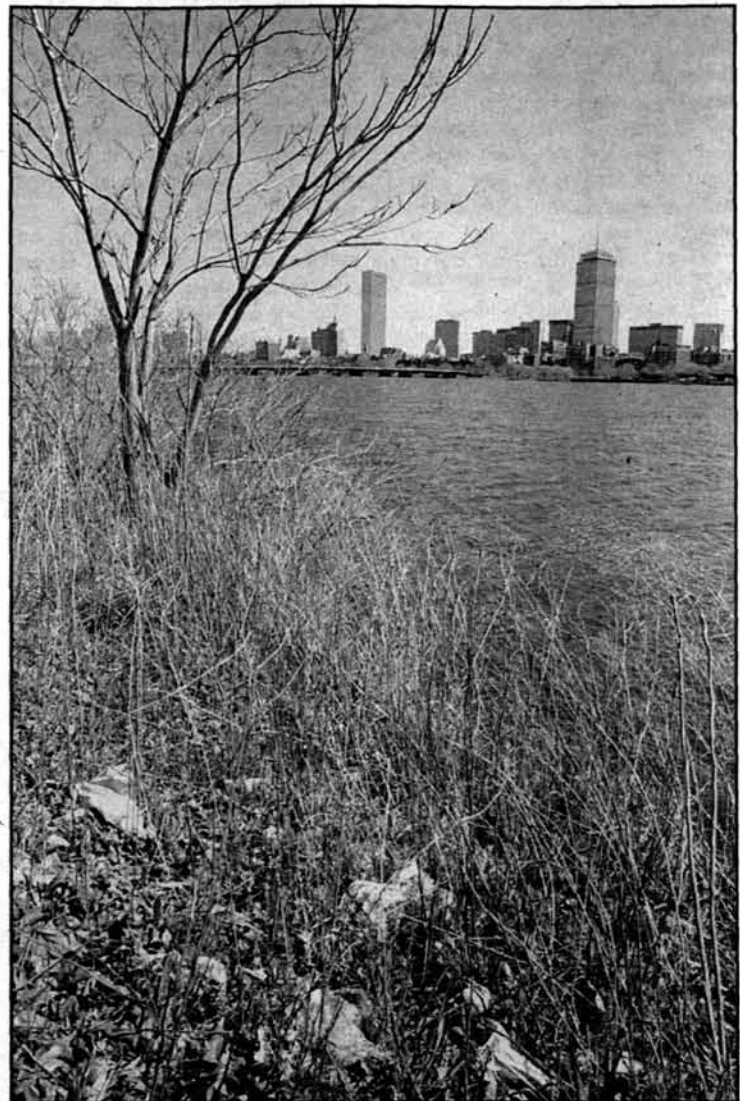
tration.
His talk addressed the long history of man's effects on the environment. He dates damage of the environment as far back as the Native Americans where the effects of

hunting were seen in the forests. America developed a greater environmental conscience in the early 1900s for aesthetic reasons, he said, rather than target consumption or maximize resources.
"Women were at the forefront of looking at the environmental effects

on human health including addressing the issue of water and air pollution, and waste," he said.
Based on Meyer's criticism of the Reagan administration's anti-environmentalism stance, he is not too hopeful of the environmentalism in the current political cycle under Bush.
"After Carter turned down the thermostat in the White House and put solar panels on top of the roof, Reagan came in and turned the thermostat back up and took of the solar panels to show that things would really be different. He, then, killed off programs in the Department of

Energy," Meyer said.
Meyer holds some hope for future
However, Meyer said he does not believe that Bush is corrupt. Rather, Bush really does put economic concerns over environmental issues because he sincerely believes them to be more important.
Talk organizer Toh Ne Win '02 agreed. "Personally, I agree that the administration is not corrupt, but I think they do a good job of not presenting the media with all the information regarding the importance of environmental policy and the economic repercussions

of not addressing the issues," he said.
Meyer ended his talk by encouraging all the students to advocate the environmental policies that they are interested in.
"I've always thought education of environmental issues has been important so that is what I engage in. I feel that the MIT administration, SAVE and the student body all have the right attitudes toward protecting the environment so we basically just think of ways to make good environmental habits more convenient for everybody to do in their daily lives," Win said.



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International Students Concerned By Policy Changes

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and advise governments where to draw the line between avoiding terrorist risk and obstructing the processes of education and discovery.

"We're working hard through our Washington office with groups like the American Association of Universities and the American

Council on Education to make sure the government works with universities on these policies," Gast said.

The MIT Washington Office was established in August 1991 as part of the MIT President's office to maintain close relations with the federal government. "MIT takes a very strong leadership role in these government relations," Gast said. "Many legislators turn to us for advice."

The issue of limiting courses for international students was discussed at Graduate Student Council's Academics, Research and Careers Meeting yesterday evening.

"Students would like to see MIT's position on this issue as it is a continuation of similar policies affecting international students that have been brought forward at the Congressional level within the last few months," said newly elected GSC President Sanith Wijesinghe.

"We are seeking input from senior administrators and MIT's Washington Office on how best students can contribute their opinion to this new legislature," Wijesinghe said. "Some ideas include petition drives and letters to Congressional members and representatives."

Vest could not be reached for comment.

MIT benefits from foreign minds

Despite more stringent immigration regulations on international students, MIT has no plan to change its policies towards its students from foreign countries.

"We're very supportive of our international students and we feel the MIT community is not complete without them," Gast said.

"The benefits [from international students] have accrued to the students themselves, to the MIT community, and to the cause of international

peace and understanding," Redwine said. "Whatever restrictions may be put on the participation of international students at MIT, we very much hope that our goal of continuing these benefits will not be compromised."

Administrators are also actively working to make sure that new policies do not unnecessarily impede on the academic lives of international students.

"We're concerned about national security, but at the same time we don't want to alienate international students from the rest of the community," Gast said.

MIT research policy unchanged

In contrast to the White House proposals, MIT's policy for academic research does not currently discriminate against foreign citizens.

"Our attitude is that if a student obtains a visa from the State Department, then they're clear to work on

any research on campus," Gast said. "What we do here is open research, so we don't see the need for any restrictions of our student access that research. This is a view we share with other universities across the country."

Administrators say they do not feel that international scholars on campus pose a threat to the community.

"There is little if any evidence that international students have used information acquired at universities in the US to compromise our security," Redwine said.

"Everyone is concerned about national security and technology getting into the wrong hands," Gast said. "We feel confident with our international students and scholars office that our international students do not pose a threat to us or the country."

Students express policy concerns

Students are concerned that the White House's proposals could have a drastic effect on MIT student life.

"Students expressed concern [at yesterday's meeting] about not being able to take courses in what have historically been well established graduate programs [such as] nuclear technology, chemical engineering, and biotechnology," Wijesinghe said. "Since 40 percent of MIT's graduate students are international, this will have a drastic consequence for faculty to recruit students for research."

Many also wonder whether such measures will be effective at deterring terrorist acts.

"As we've seen from Sept. 11, many different kinds of knowledge can be used to cause mass destruction with little or no education," said Peter A. Shulman G. "It worries me that national security is being used as an excuse to limit higher education in this country ... this is a personal issue for the MIT community to deal with."

"It is sad that the U.S. has to generalize the case of terrorism to all internationals," said Michel A. Rbeiz '04, an international student from Lebanon. "By taking away civil liberties, the government can't guarantee that it will prevent all forms of terrorism."

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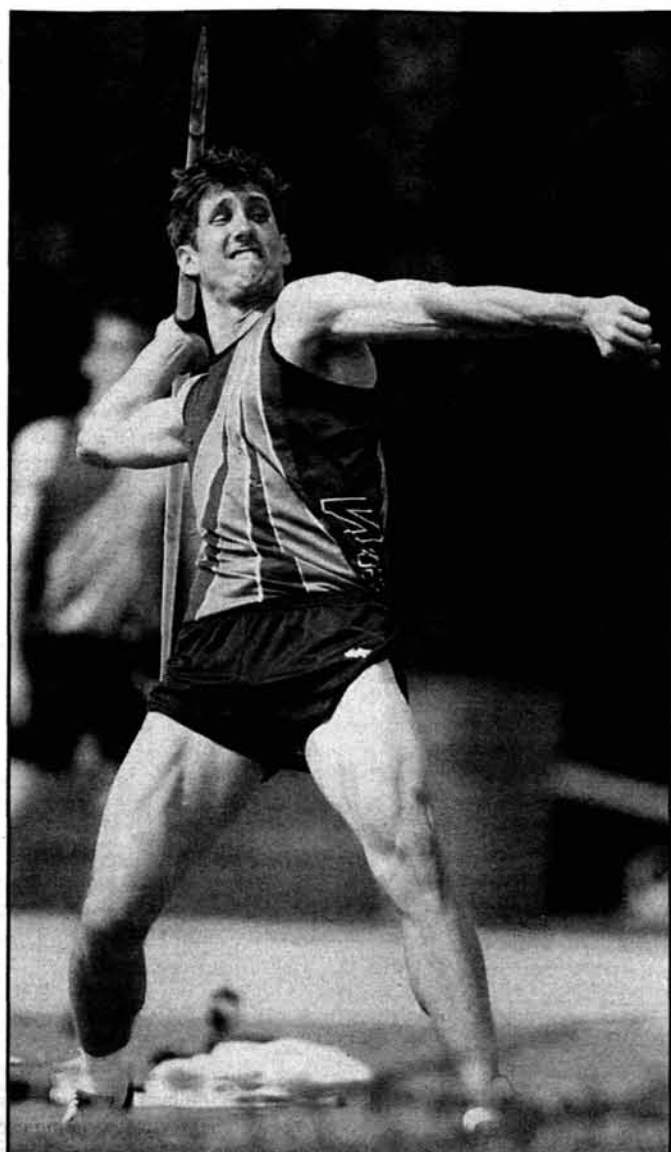
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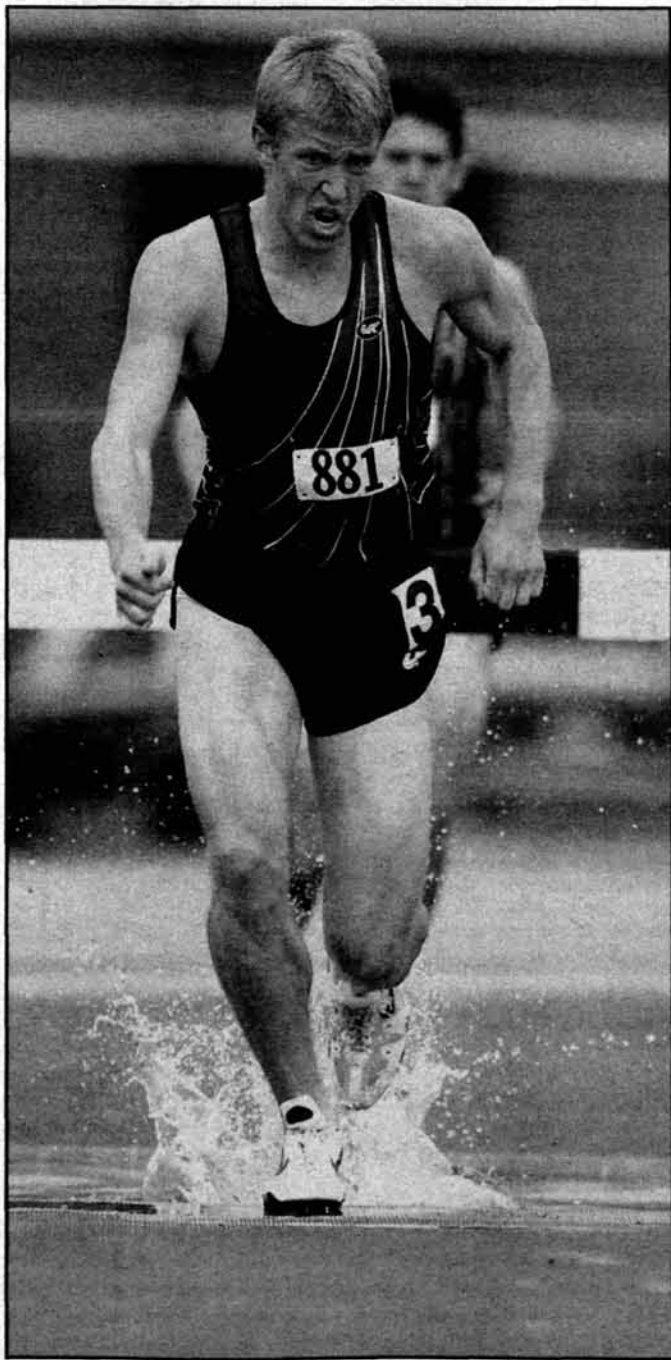
Men's Track & Field

Photos by STANLEY HU



(Above) Peter J. Bluvass G winds up for the javelin throw in last Saturday's track and field meet to place seventh with a 128'00.00" toss. The javelin was one of five events in which Bluvass competed during MIT's victory over Bowdoin and UMass Lowell.

(Below) Coming from behind in the 3000m steeplechase, Benjamin A. Schmeckpeper '05 emerges from the water pit to win in 9:48.60. The men's track and field team concluded their regular season last Saturday by winning with 192 points over UMass/Lowell (132) and Bowdoin (81).



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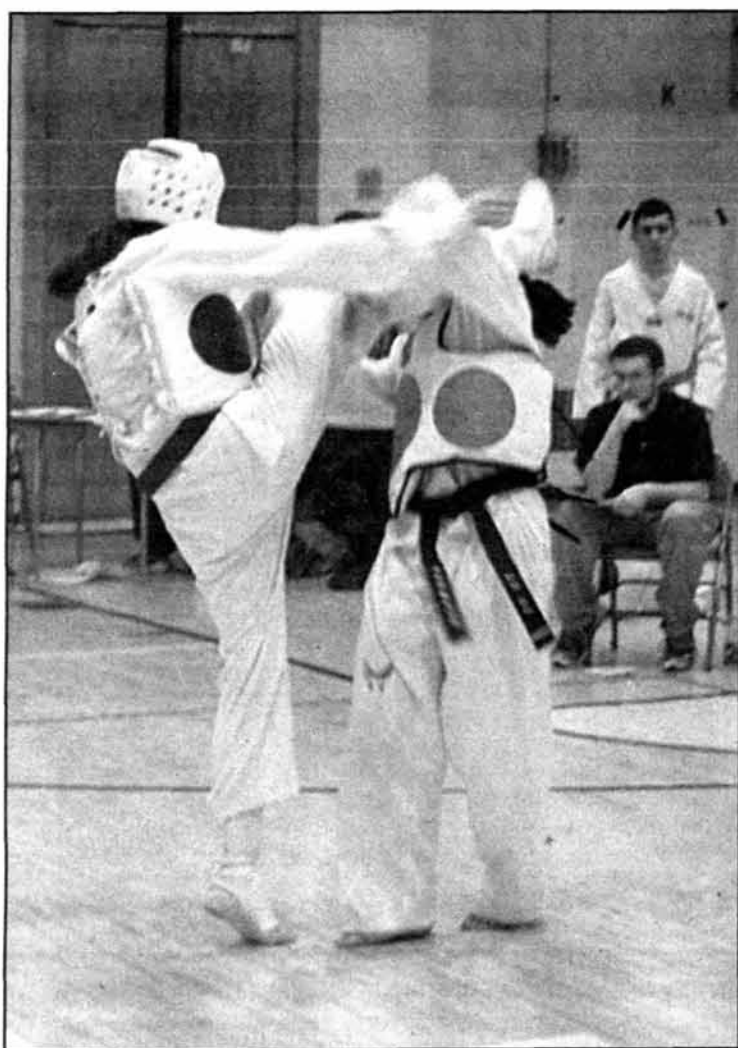
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Melissa Barbagelata G executes an axe kick to the head against Cornell.

Taekwondo Takes 3rd

By Christina Park
TEAM CAPTAIN

On Saturday, April 6, the Sport Taekwondo Club took third place behind Cornell and New York University at the second Ivy/Northeast Collegiate Taekwondo League (INCTL) tournament of the spring semester, hosted by Columbia University.

The tournament day began with forms competition, where each student performed a choreographed set of techniques to be judged on merits such as grace, balance, power, and agility. Christina S. Park '02 started off the points tally by placing second in the women's black belt division. Dora Z. Kelle '03 also placed second in the women's white/yellow belt division, her first medal this year.

In the sparring competition, the women's black belt A1 team (Baochi Nguyen G, Melissa Barbagelata G, Park) were seeded into the quarterfinals where they advanced past Wellesley College into the semifinals. Facing Cornell A2, the team was eliminated, losing two of the three matches, despite a dominant match from Nguyen. In her advanced division debut, Barbagelata lost a close match, after having given a hard turning kick to her opponent's head and forcing an eight-count.

B1 Men take gold in sparring

Picking up the momentum from

the black belts, the men's beginner and intermediate teams were able to advance MIT's medal count as well.

The men's C1 team (David D. Shin '05, Baris Temelkuran '02, Alex Park G) moved through the brackets and finished the day in second place, behind Johns Hopkins University. Though often out-sized, Shin showed good footwork with well timed double kicks. Temelkuran won his first match by a large differential, consistently scoring with his right leg turning kick. Though injured, Alex Park sparred intelligently, using his steps to maneuver around and out-smart his opponent.

The men's B1 team (Simon Bocanegra-Thiel '04, Joshua Neubert '03, Vladislav Gabovich G) finished the day successfully for the team, advancing through the brackets and emerging with the gold. Bocanegra-Thiel showed tremendous improvement in flexibility and timing, scoring several axe kicks in each round. Neubert toughed out each match, winning a very emotional final match by sheer will power. Gabovich, as usual, anchored the team, winning his first match 10-0, and instilling so much fear in his opponents that many of them forfeited.

The win adds to the continuing success of the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club, currently in fifth place in the INCTL.

Women's Ultimate Wins at Yale

By Lori A. Eich

TEAM MEMBER

The Women's Ultimate Frisbee team (sMITe) took first place at the Yale Cup last weekend, giving them the number five national ranking. Overall, sMITe outscored its opponents 83-35.

After a first round bye on Saturday, sMITe began pool play by crushing Haverford 13-2. Mina K. Hsiang '03 showed her versatility by throwing four goals and catching four more. The winning goal began with a point block by Kathleen L. Dobson '03, who picked up the disc and swung it to Nancy Y. Sun '04. Sun hucked downfield to Michelle H. Wu G cutting into the end zone, her second of eleven goals caught in the tournament.

In the next game, sMITe took down Yale 13-6. This game showed the talent of the entire team; rather than a single person dominating the game, the 13 sMITe goals were thrown by seven different team members. Likewise, the goals were caught

by eight different team members. Nine of the eleven sMITe players made at least one defensive block.

"We don't have to center our offense around any single person because everyone on the team adds a lot to the game," Sun said.

MIT cruises to quarterfinals

The third and fourth games were very quick, with sMITe annihilating UPenn 13-2 and Williams 13-3. Christine B. Dobson '03 threw five goals and caught three in the Williams game. Highlights of the UPenn game included a sky block by Meryl R. del Rosario '05, followed by a wicked huck from Cordelia E. Crockett G to Eulalia S. Massague '04 in the end zone.

In Sunday's quarterfinals, sMITe smoked Cornell 15-5. Cornell tried out their long game, but quickly lost interest after Kathleen M. Rubritz '04 pulled down three sky blocks on defense. Also helping with the victory were Christine Dobson and Kathleen Dobson, who threw six goals and caught five goals, respectively.

MIT met its hottest contender, Brown, in the semifinals. The game was close, with both teams trading points throughout the game. Assisted by Kathleen Dobson's five defensive sky blocks, sMITe emerged victorious with a final score of 11-9. Coach James Sarvis G said, "Brown could consistently capitalize on our mistakes, but sMITe really stepped up to the challenge and played a hard, clean game."

Bucknell falls 15-8 in title game

In the championship game, sMITe faced Bucknell's four-person, six-foot-tall cup. Bucknell's defense was an obstacle for every other team in the tournament, but it was quickly broken by sMITe's killer zone offense. Likewise, Bucknell's huck-and-pray offense was taken down by a simple change to a backhand force by sMITe. MIT's offense was assisted by Lori A. Eich '03 and Angela Tong '05, who each pulled down four points. After taking the half at 8-7, MIT continued to dominate for a 15-8 win.

Colby, Bowdoin Top Women's Track

By Adeline Kuo

STAFF WRITER

The Women's Track team hosted its annual "State of Maine" meet Saturday, taking third behind Colby

College and Bowdoin College but topping the University of Southern Maine and Bates College.

MIT scored 118 points to Colby's 201 and Bowdoin's 178. Colby won the meet with 201 points, followed by Bowdoin with 178. USM and Bates finished in fourth and fifth places with 107 and 84 points respectively.

Positioning MIT for the early lead, Catherine A. Tweedie '04 won the pole vault with a personal best and NCAA provisional qualifying height of 11'0", which just missed the varsity record by inches. Tweedie later returned in the 200m dash to finish in seventh in a personal best time of 28.87 seconds.

The track events led off with the 5k. Freshman distance star Julia C. Espel finished in fourth in a New England Division III qualifying time of 19:32.88. Mealani K. Nakamura G ran a fast sixth place time of 19:55.19 as she scored some unexpected points for MIT.

Following the 5k was the 4x100m relay. Colleen A. Horin '05 filled in for Adeline Kuo '02 to lead MIT off to a good start. Nalini Gupta '05, Melanie A. Miller '04, and Karen M. Keller '04 all ran fast legs to finish the relay off in third place.

Buckley qualifies for ECACs

In the 1500m run, distance phenom Martha W. Buckley '04 took fourth place in a personal best time of 4:53.70, a time which easily qualifies her for the ECAC championships. Buckley returned in the 800m to finish in second place in another personal best time of 2:26.72.

In the sprints and hurdles, many personal bests were attained. Keller was MIT's sole scorer in the 100m dash, as she finished in third, narrowly missing the New England Division III qualifying time. In the 400m dash, middle-distance runner Alisa P. Lehman '05 ran a tough race, as she finished in eighth. The hurdles earned MIT critical points, with Chinwe P. Nyenke '04 leading the hurdlers in points. Nyenke finished the 100m hurdles in seventh place with Horin following in eighth with a personal best time of 17.37. In the 400m hurdles, Miller led MIT to a 3-4-5-8 finish. Nyenke, Silberstein, and Julie M. Pinkston '04 followed, with Pinkston finishing in a personal best time.

Nyenke also had much success in the horizontal jumps. Leading the way in the long jump, Nyenke leapt



ANNIE DING—THE TECH

Jennifer A. Gaugler '05 jumps over a hurdle in the 3000m steeplechase at the women's track meet last weekend (Colby 201, Bowdoin 178, MIT 118, USM 107, Bates 84).

a personal best and ECAC-qualifying jump of 16'2.25" to finish in third. Gupta followed in fourth, also in an ECAC-qualifying jump of 16'1.75". In the triple jump, Gupta took second, in an ECAC-qualifying distance of 35'1.25". Nyenke also scored with a fifth place and ECAC-qualifying leap of 34'10.5".

MIT takes points in throws

Out on the far end of Briggs field were the hammer and discus competitors. Princess Imoukhuede '02, MIT's dominant force in the throws, faced her toughest competition yet at this meet. Finishing in fourth in the hammer throw, Imoukhuede met an All-New England qualifying mark of 144'6". Returning in the discus, Imoukhuede scored more critical points for MIT with her second place, ECAC-qualifying throw at 114'2". Akua A. Asa-Awuku '03 was MIT's only other scorer in these throwing events, as she finished the hammer throw in eighth place for a personal record.

Back on the track, the 3k steeplechase provided MIT with the opportunity for more points. Sarah

K. Perlmutter '02 led the way with her fifth place, personal best finish in 12:23.81, which qualifies her again for the ECAC championships. This time bettered her previous personal best by 17 seconds and is 23 seconds more than the NCAA provisional qualifying time. Jennifer A. Gaugler '05 followed in eighth with a personal record time.

On the infield, Catherine H. Koveal '05 was MIT's sole scorer in the javelin, as she finished in seventh place.

The track events terminated with the 4x400m and 4x800m relays. Tweedie, Gupta, Miller, and Nyenke ran for MIT in the 4x400m, crossing the finish line in third, with a team best time. The 4x800m relay consisted of Silberstein, Espel, Lehman, and Perlmutter, who also brought the baton home in third place.

The meet finally ended with the shot put, as Imoukhuede continued to prove her domination in the throws. Again, Imoukhuede was MIT's sole scorer in the event, as she threw a second place, personal best, varsity record, and NCAA provisional qualifying distance of 41'11.75".

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, April 20

Men's Heavyweight Crew, Compton Cup
Men's Lightweight Crew, Biglin Bowl
Sailing, Priddy Trophy
Softball vs. WPI, 12:00 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Smith College, 1:00 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Springfield College, 1:00 p.m.
Women's Track vs. Springfield College, 1:00 p.m.



Sunday, April 21

Men's Heavyweight Crew vs. Boston College
Sailing, Priddy Trophy



Monday, April 22

Baseball vs. Wentworth, 3:30 p.m.